

Sunday School Grade 8

A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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- The AGAPE curriculum is for exceptional student education [ESE] for Sunday School. It is designed by the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States.
- This is a modified curriculum designed for individuals with special needs.
- This curriculum is intended to be taught alongside with the general Sunday School program for each grade.

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- Inclusion is an important aspect of the social and learning paradigm of individuals with special needs.
- Stewards serving children and youth with special needs should try to integrate the students in the mainstream classes for as much time as can be tolerated by the student with special needs.
- Integration and inclusion foster friendships among the same age peer group.

Preparation for The Mormons

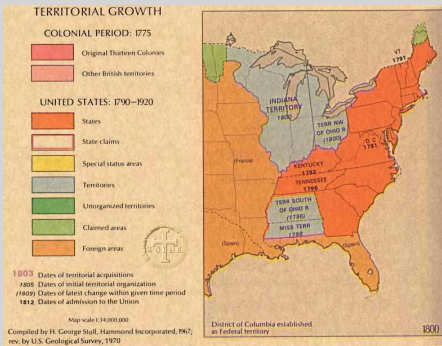
Lessons for the Great Lent

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

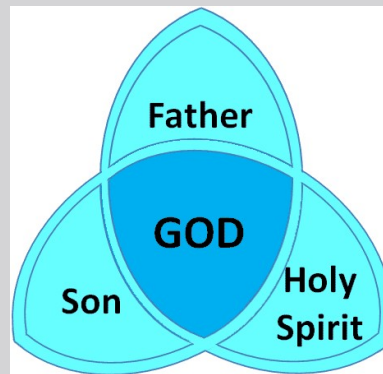
- Mormonism started in America by Joseph Smith Jr. in the early nineteenth century.
- He wrote the book of Mormons in the year 1830. He claims it was given to him by God.
- Joseph Smith claims that God spoke directly to him.
- After J. Smith died Brigham Young took over the cult. He moved their followers to Salt Lake City.
- The Mormons reject the Orthodox doctrine of the Holy Trinity.
- Know, understand your faith and strengthen your spirit before engaging in any interaction with a member of the cults.

Word Bank

- 1800 America



- Holy Trinity



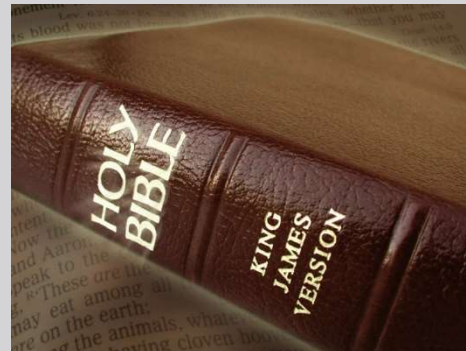
- Salt Lake City



- Mormon Temple



- Strengthen



- Interaction



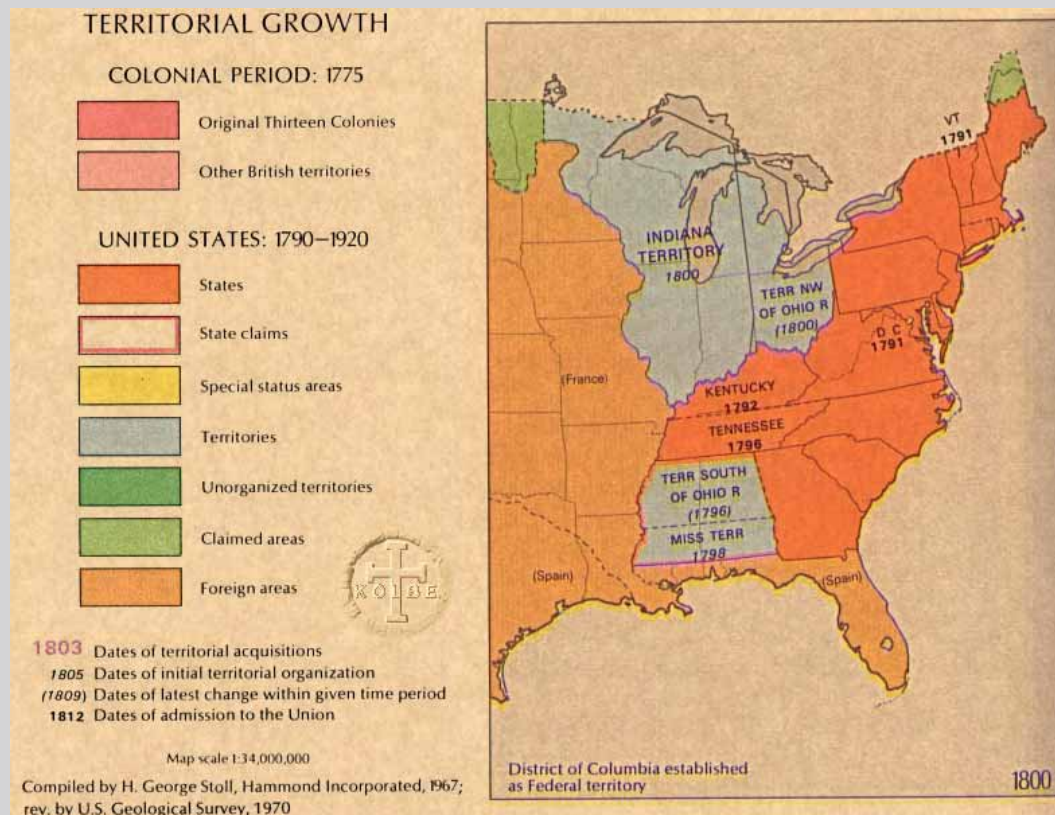
Objective: To understand that the beliefs of the cults are considered heresies in the eye of the Orthodox faith.



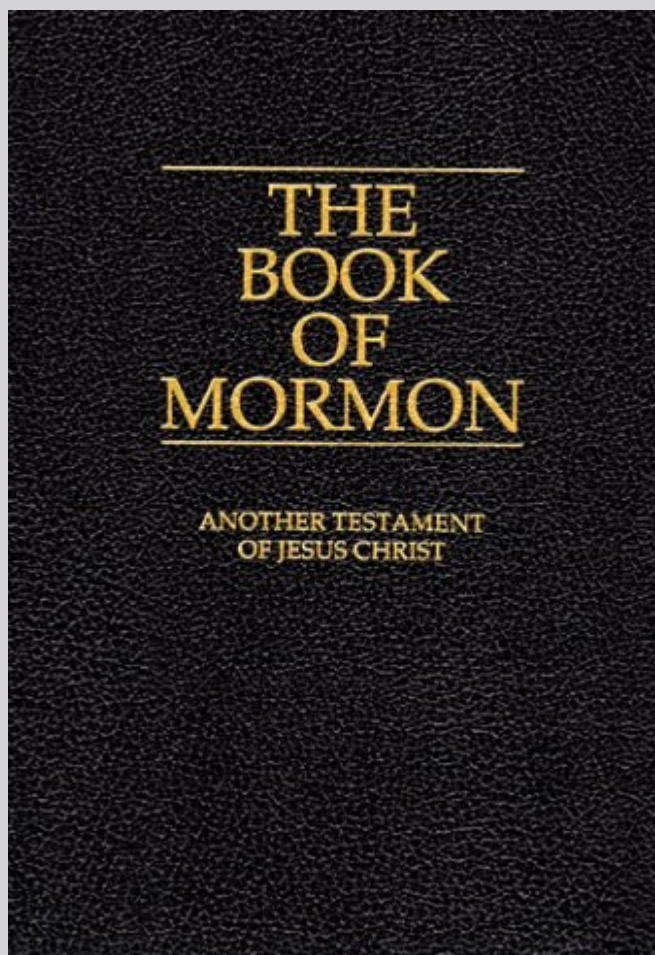
Memory Verse: “I and My Father are one” (John 10:30).



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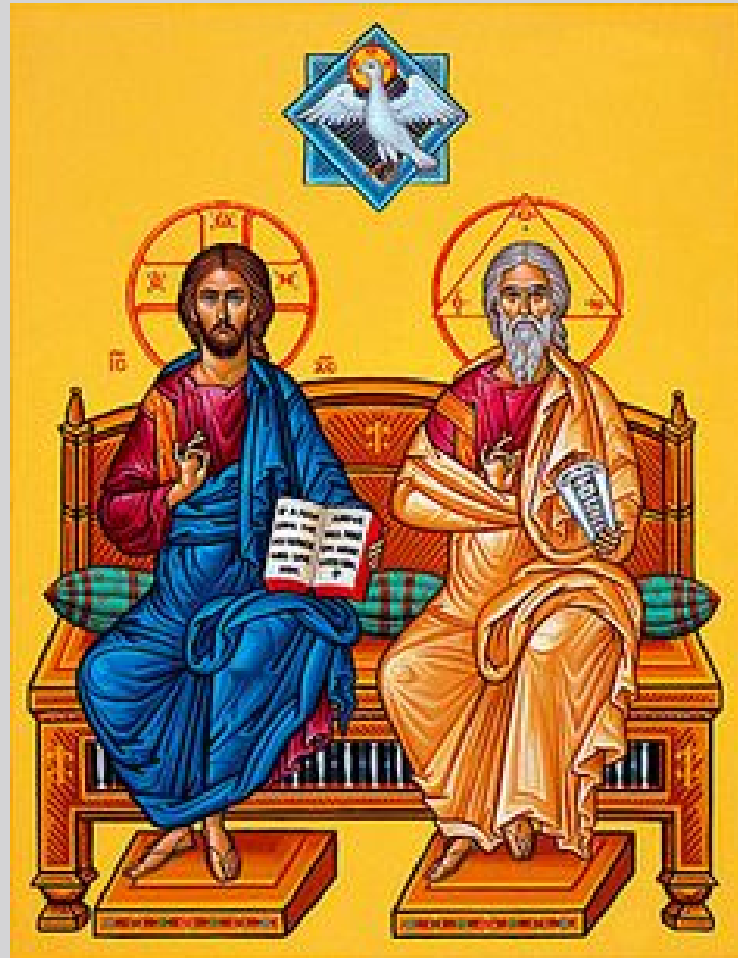


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The Lessons for the Great Lent

Mormons

- **Conclusion**

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- To God be the glory, forever, Amen.

Resources

- Application
 - Coordinate a time for A.G.A.P.E. students to interact with non- A.G.A.P.E. students.
- Activities—Customize according to student abilities, speech, and fine and gross motor skills.
 - Coloring/Painting
 - Cut and Paste
 - Music/Games
- References
 - <http://www.suscopts.org/ssc/Grade08.pdf>