

Sunday School Grade 1

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 Love for the Church

Lessons for the month of August

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

- The Lord Jesus saw people selling and buying things in the temple. He drove them out.
- They were not showing respect. We should show respect to the church.
- We should kneel down before the sanctuary and take off our shoes.
- We should give almsgiving and receive benediction.
- We shouldn't misbehave, make a lot of noise, eat, or run during the Holy Mass.
- When we see a priest we should greet him and kiss his hand.

Word Bank

- Out



- Respect



- Shoes



- Almsgiving



- Misbehave



- Kiss



Objective: Encouraging the child to go to church.



Memory Verse: *“I will come into Your house in the multitude of your mercy”*
(Psalm 5:7)



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Love for the Church

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- **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/Grade01.pdf>