#### Sunday School Grade Pre-School A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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- The A.G.A.P.E. 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 Finding the Cross Lessons for the Month of September

- Lesson Outline: Week 3
  - Queen Helena loved the Lord Jesus and the cross very much.
  - Her son, King Constantine, saw a cross appear in the sky.
  - She went to Jerusalem to find the cross that Jesus was crucified on.
  - An old man told that her the cross was under a big hill of dirt.
  - She found the cross at the bottom and many miracles happened.
  - She build a church there and put the cross in it.

#### Word Bank

Queen Helena

• Sky

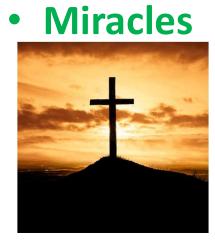
• Find



• Built

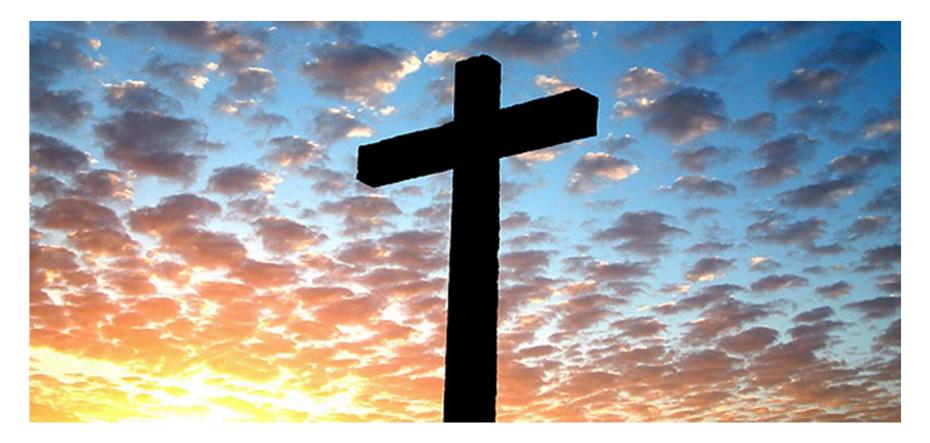


Hill

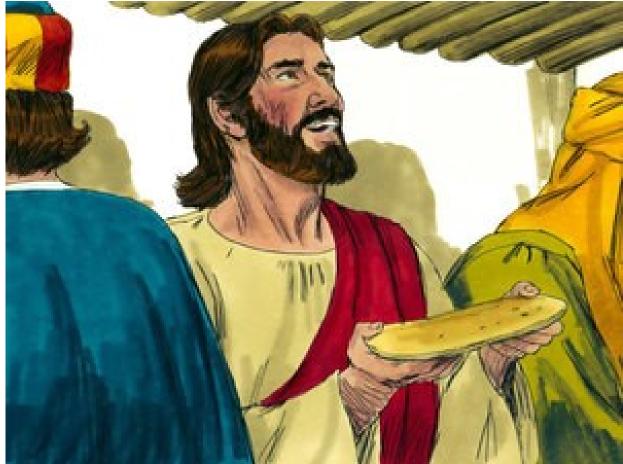




### **Objective: Learn that the sign of the cross will keep us safe.**



#### Memory Verse: "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" Matthew 28:19



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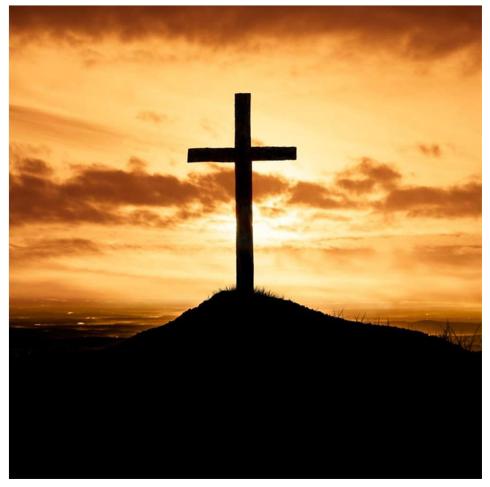
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### FindingtheCrossLessons for the Month of September

#### 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/Grade-PreK.pdf