

# Sunday School Grade 4 A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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## **A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum**

- 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 Discovery of the Cross by Empress Helene Lessons for the Month of September

## • Lesson Outline: Week 4

- King Constantine stopped the persecution of the Christians.
- He sent his mother Queen Helene to the Holy Land. He told her to build a church and a monastery.
- When she arrived, she looked for the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
- She knew she found the cross when a woman was healed. And a dead man came to life.
- When we make the sign of the cross we say: The name of the Father and The Son and the Holy Spirit, one God Amen.
- Through the cross our sins are forgiven. We received salvation.

# Word Bank

- King Constantine



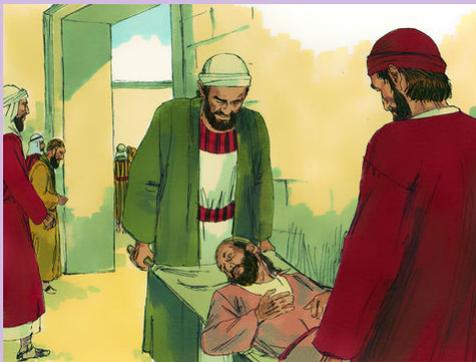
- Queen Helene



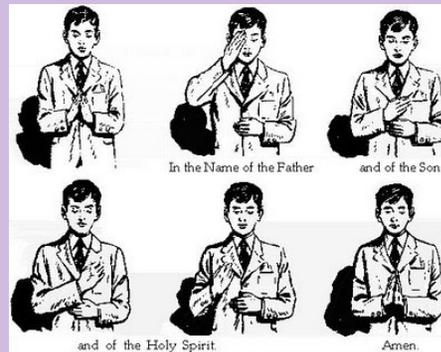
- Cross



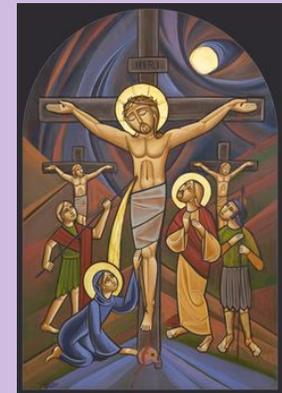
- Miracle



- Sign of the Cross



- Salvation



# Objective: Our pride in the cross and how we hold fast to it



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**Memory Verse: “But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world”  
(Galatians 6:14)**



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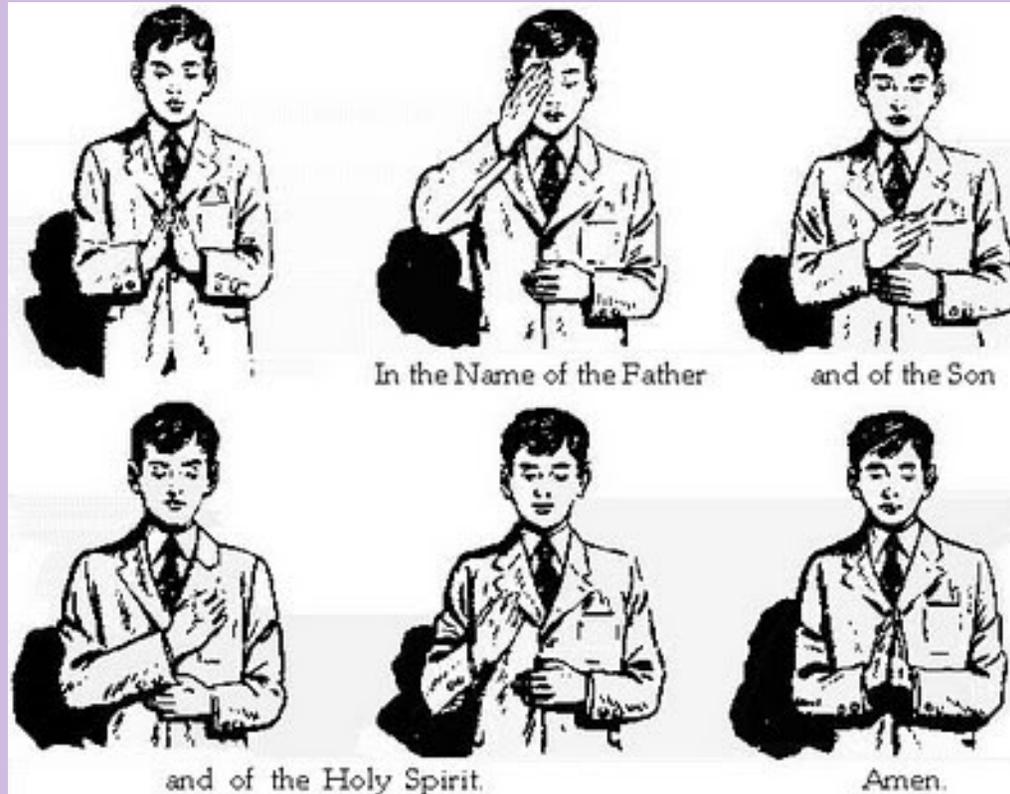
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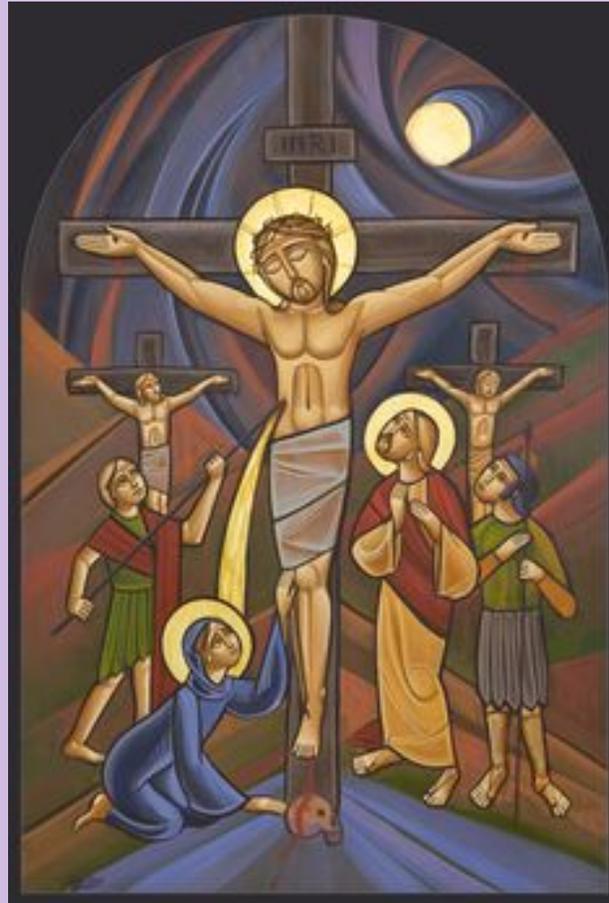


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# The Discovery of the Cross by Empress Helene

## Lessons for the Month of September

- **Conclusion**
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  - When she arrived, she looked for the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - She knew she found the cross when a woman was healed. And a dead man came to life.
  - When we make the sign of the cross we say: The name of the Father and The Son and the Holy Spirit, one God Amen.
  - Through the cross our sins are forgiven. We received salvation.
- 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/Grade04.pdf>