

Sunday School Grade 3 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 Pentecost

Lessons for the Pentecost

- **Lesson Outline: Week 7**

- After the ascension the disciples went to Jerusalem and stayed in St. Mark's house.
- On Pentecost day, they heard a sound of a strong wind. Tongues of fire appeared on each one of them.
- They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke different languages.
- The multitude were confused because they heard them speak in their own language. They said they were drunk.
- St. Peter said that they were not drunk and talked about Jesus. 3000 people believed.
- The people repented, got baptized, and received communion. They sold what they had and joined the church.

Word Bank

- House



- Pentecost



- Different



- Confused



- Talked



- Repented



Objective: The children should feel the great love and care God gave to them when they received the Holy Spirit after being baptized.



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Memory Verse: “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you” (Acts 1:8).



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The Lessons for the Pentecost

Pentecost

- **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/Grade03.pdf>