

# 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 Pictures and Icons

## Lessons for the months of August

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**

- The pictures remind us of the saints. The Lord loves incense in the church. The incense carries prayer to heaven.
- The bishop prays the prayer of dedication and anoints the icon with the Holy Chrism.
- He breathes into it the Holy spirit. The icon works to heal the sick and answer prayers.
- The censor contains burning coal like St. Mary when she carried Christ in her womb.
- The cover is a symbol of heaven. It's surrounded with 3 chains that unite at the top like the trinity.
- The balls in the chains make sound to attract the attention of the people to prayer.

# Word Bank

- Pictures



- Holy Chrism



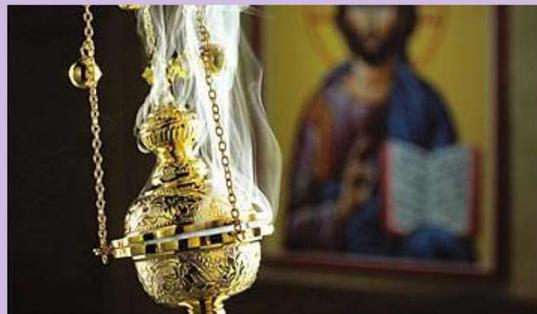
- Answer



- St. Mary



- Chains



- Attention



**Objective: Pictures in the church, incense and candles in the Orthodox churches and prayer as incense before the Lord.**



**Memory Verse: “Let my prayer be set before You as incense” (Psalms 141:2)**



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# Pictures and Icons

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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/Grade04.pdf>