

# Sunday School Grade 8 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 Many Gifts And One Aim

## Lessons for the Month of July

- **Lesson Outline: Week 2**
  - When we are baptized we become one body in Christ.
  - We all have gifts that we should use for the glory of God.
  - There are many kinds of gifts (talents). Administration gifts are given to patriarchs, bishops and priests.
  - We should not use our gifts in a bad way. We should use them to help others.
  - We should always remember that these gifts are from God.
  - Discover what our gifts are and use them wisely.

# Word Bank

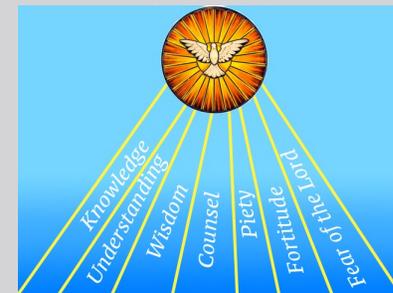
- Baptize



- One Body



- Gifts



- Patriarch



- Help others



- Discover





**Memory Verse: “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Jews or Greeks, slaved or free and all were made to drink of one Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:13).**

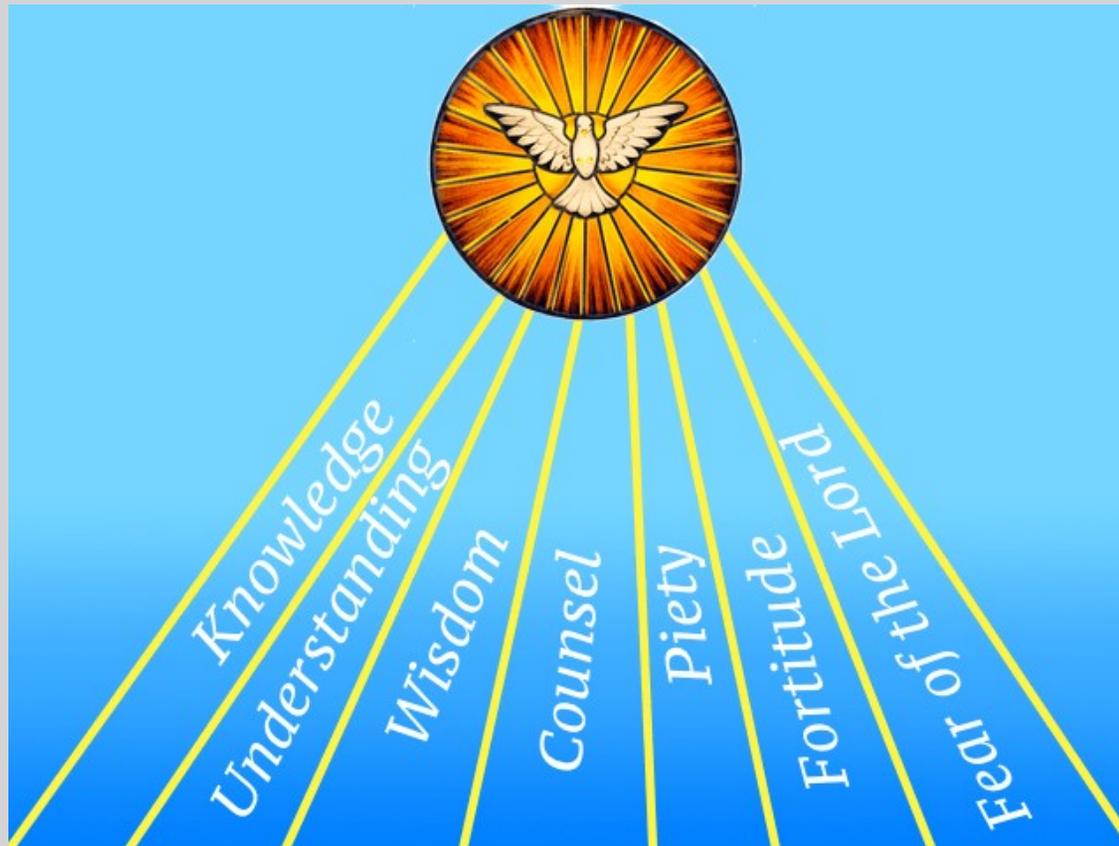


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# Many Gifts And One Aim

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- **Conclusion**
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  - Discover what our gifts are and use them wisely.
- 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/Grade08.pdf>