

Sunday School Grade 4 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 Structure of the Church

Lessons for Filler Lessons

- **Lesson Outline: # 1**

- The Sanctuary is where the Altar is. This is where the sacrifice of the Lord is offered.
- It is like Heaven. The eastern wall has the “Father’s Bosom”.
- The Sanctuary gateway to the called the “Royal Gate”. It is separated from church by an iconostasis.
- The icons on the iconostasis are arranged in a special way.
- On the right Christ, St. John the Baptist, the saint of the church. On the left St. Mary, the Annunciation, Archangel Michael and St. Mark.
- Above is the Last Supper, the 12 disciples, the Crucifix and ostrich egg. Many saints icons are around the whole nave.

Word Bank

- Altar



- Father's Bosom



- Royal Gate



- Iconostasis



- Arranged



- Last Supper



Objective: To understand the structure of the House of God and why it is built that way. To connect the Temple of God in the Old Testament to the Church of Salvation that we now pray in.



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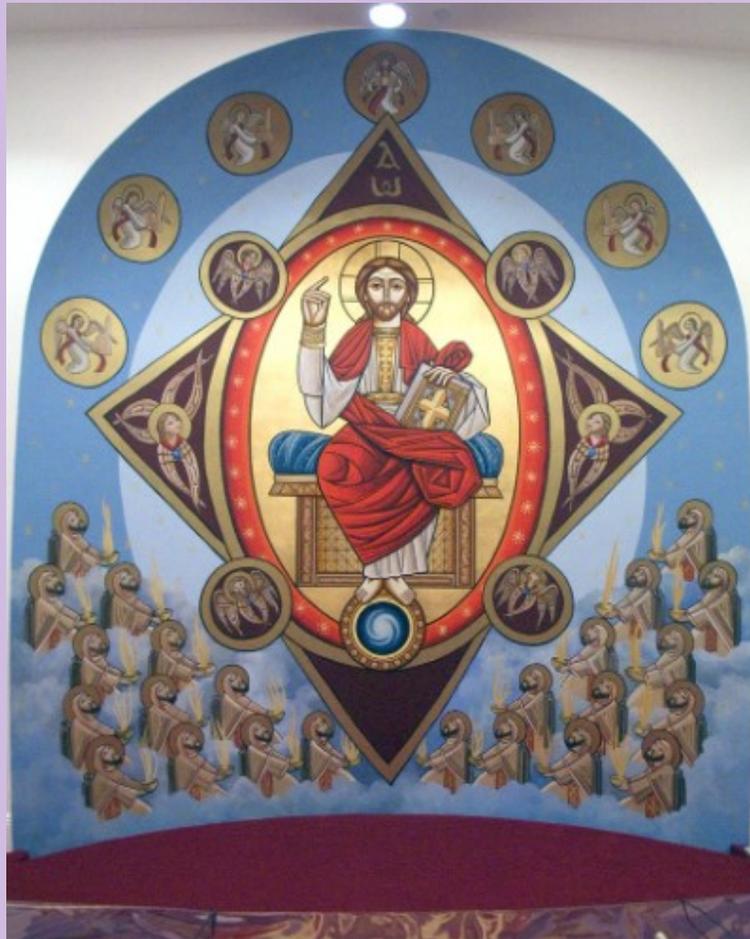
Memory verse: “O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and is all Your own” (1 Chronicles 29:16).



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The Structure of the Church

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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>