

# 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 Marriage

## Lessons for Filler Lessons

- **Lesson Outline: # 2**

- In the beginning God created a man and a woman. God blessed them “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth”.
- Before marriage the couple go to their father of confession. They ask his advice and his blessing to get married.
- Both must be responsible adults. They must love and care for their children.
- The bride and groom come to church as two. They leave as one. The priest prays. The Holy Spirit unites them.
- The priest prays, raise incense, read the Bible, anoint them with oil. He dresses the groom up with the golden priest’s robe as a king.
- He puts golden crowns on both heads like king and queen. They kneel in front of the altar. They become one.

# Word Bank

- Adam and Eve



- Marriage



- Adults



- United



- Kneel



- Crowns



**Objective:** The child should understand that marriage is the way God has selected to start a family, raise children and continue the church until His second coming. God unite two adults into one.



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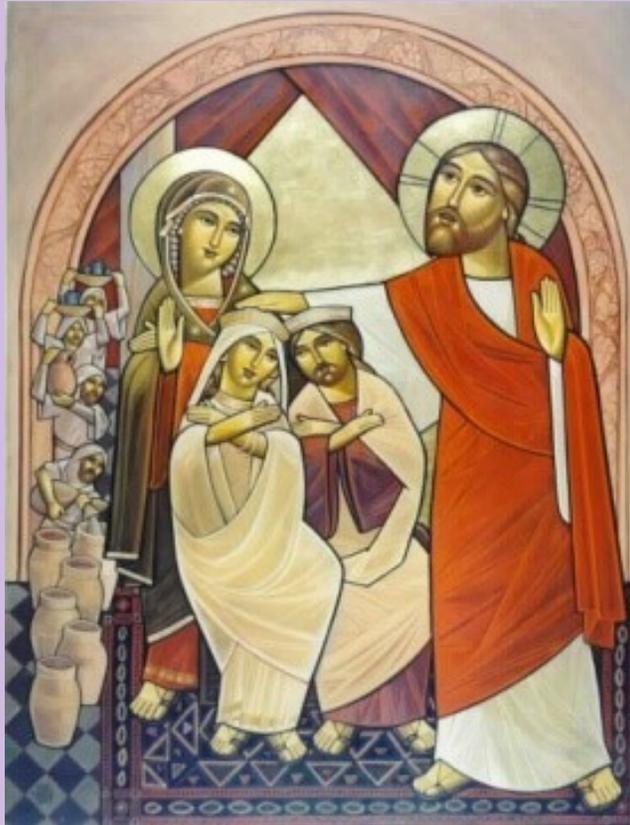
**Memory verse: “Marriage is honorable among all” (Hebrews 13:4)**



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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>