

# Sunday School Grade 8 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 Sins of the Tongue

## Lessons for the Month of December

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

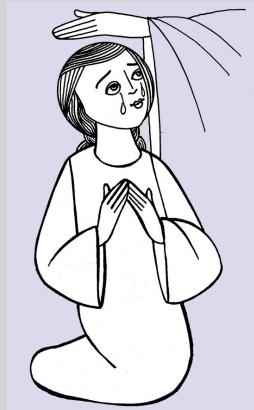
- Examples – Judging others, cursing, insulting people, despising others, bad jokes, talkativeness, empty words to name a few.
- How can we cure the sins of the tongue? Repentance and seeking grace – renewal.
- Growth in grace through prayers and studying the Bible and practicing of Sacraments.
- Circumspection in conduct, talk and keeping away from rashness. Asking for the help of God when we talk.
- Being fully convinced that the sins of the tongue are dangerous. By examining oneself one can keep away from such sins.
- Confess these sins to your father of confession. Study them with him so that he may help you overcome them.

# Word Bank

- Sin of the Tongue



- Repentance



- Studying the Bible



- Circumspect



- Examine one self



- Father of Confession



**Objective: To learn the importance of Holiness of thought and understanding.**



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**Memory Verse: “If anyone does not stumble in words, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body” (James 3:2).**





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# The Sins of the Tongue

## Lessons for the Month of December

- **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/Grade08.pdf>