

Sunday School Grade 9

A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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- The A.G.A.P.E. 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 A Cloud of Witness

Lessons for the Month of August

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

- When we look around us in the church we see icons. These icons remind us we are praying with the saints.
- The church teaches us that heaven is near to us with all her powers and hosts.
- Jacob saw in a dream a ladder with angels going up to heaven and coming down to earth.
- Jacob built an altar in that spot and called it Bethel which means “the house of God”.
- Daniel saw a vision with God on His throne. Thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
- St. John’s vision in the book of Revelation people and angels standing around the throne.

Word Bank

- Icons



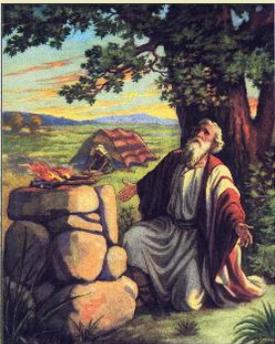
- Heaven



- Ladder



- Bethel



- Throne



- Around

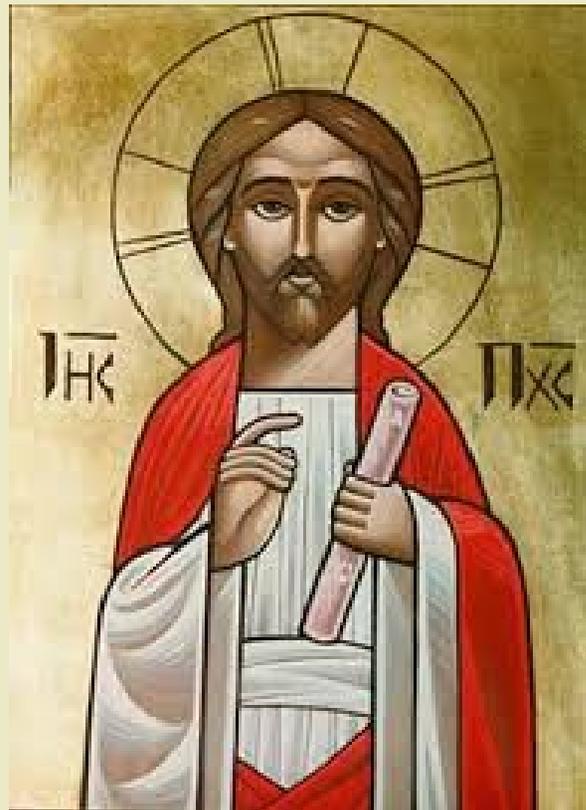


Objective: To introduce the feeling of the presence of saints with us in Church.



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Memory Verse: “We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1).



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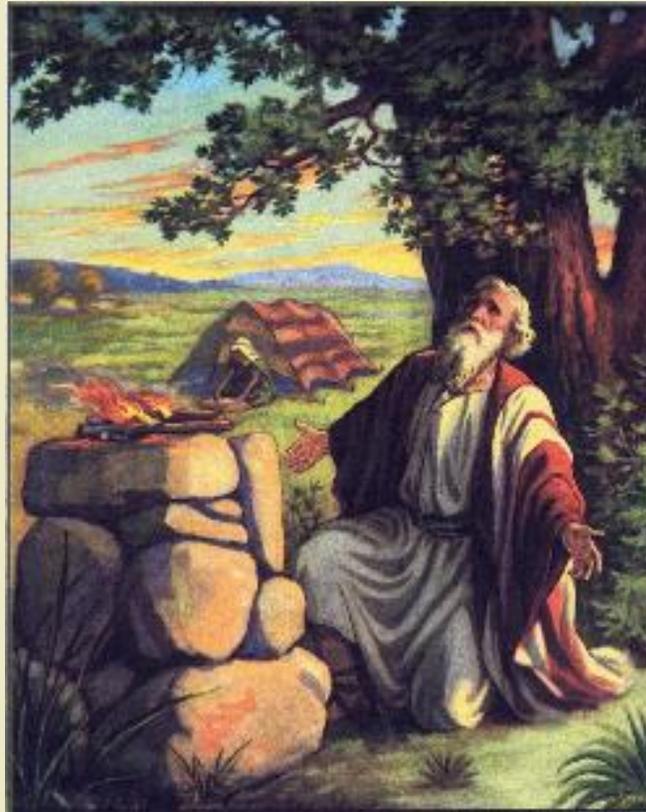
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A Cloud of Witness

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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/Grade09.pdf>