

# 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 The Ten Commandments Fourth: Remember That You Keep Holy the Sabbath Day Lessons for the Month of October

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**

- The Lord regarded this as a very important Commandment. Whoever did not keep it was to be put to death.
- Christianity did not destroy the Sabbath and substitute it with Sunday. In the Old Testament the Sabbath was any day of the week.
- The Lord said that it is right to do good on Sabbath. He healed many people.
- Jesus allowed His disciples to pick ears of corn and eat the grain when they were hungry.
- We must not spend it in the cinema or theatre. That day should be devoted to prayers, Sunday School and serving the poor.
- We should be visiting the sick and all kinds of works of mercy and worship.

# Word Bank

- Sabbath



- Put to death



- Heal



- Corn



- Service



- Visit

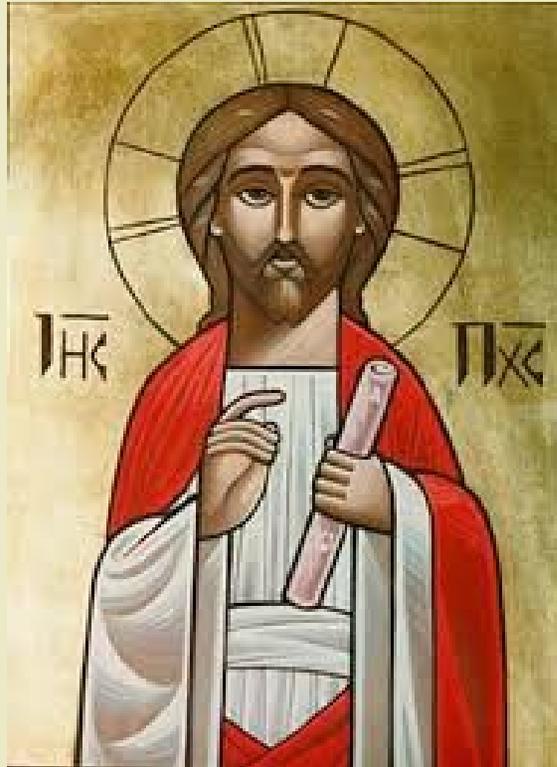


**Objective: To teach the students the importance of observing holy Sunday and devoting it to worship and service.**



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**Memory Verse: “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shall you labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; in it you shall not do any work” (Exodus 20:8-11).**



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# The Ten Commandments Fourth: Remember That You Keep Holy the Sabbath Day

## Lessons for the Month of October

- **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>