

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 Fifth: Honor Your Father and Your Mother Lessons for the Month of October

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

- In the Old Testament those who disobeyed their fathers were punished. They never found rest or comfort.
- The true Christians honor their parents for Christ, in Christ and with Christ.
- Christ cared for His mother when He was on the cross. He said to the beloved St. John *“This is your mother”*.
- We should love, obey, support and respect our parents.
- Man should obey the Lord rather than his parents, when called to dedication or monasticism.
- Examples of taking precautions in obeying parents is the life of St. Barbara, and St. Demiana.

Word Bank

- Parents



- Absalom



- Love, obey, support



- Monasticism



- St. Barbara



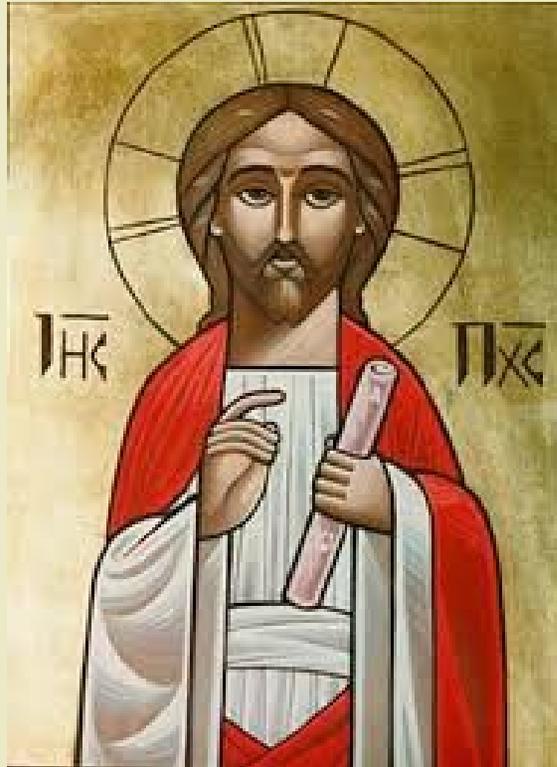
- St. Demiana



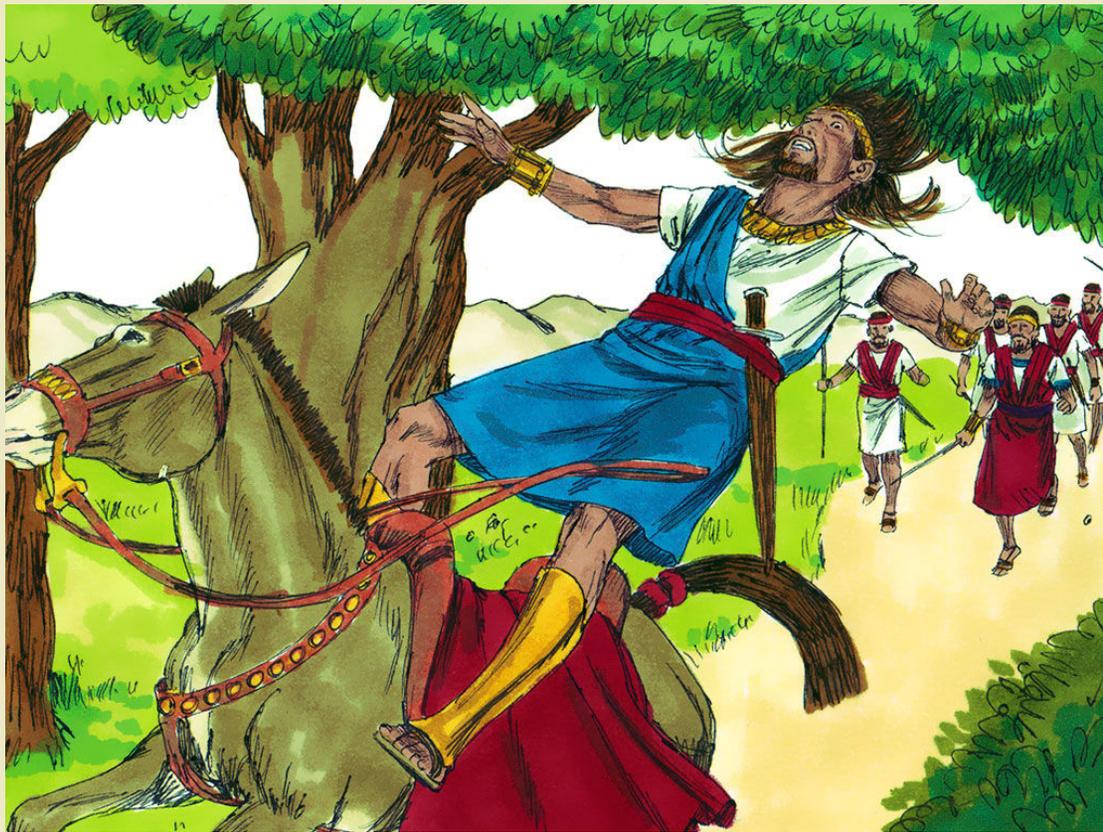
Objective: Honoring our parents and showing respect to them. Rewarding them for their love to us.



Memory Verse: “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you” (Exodus 20.12).



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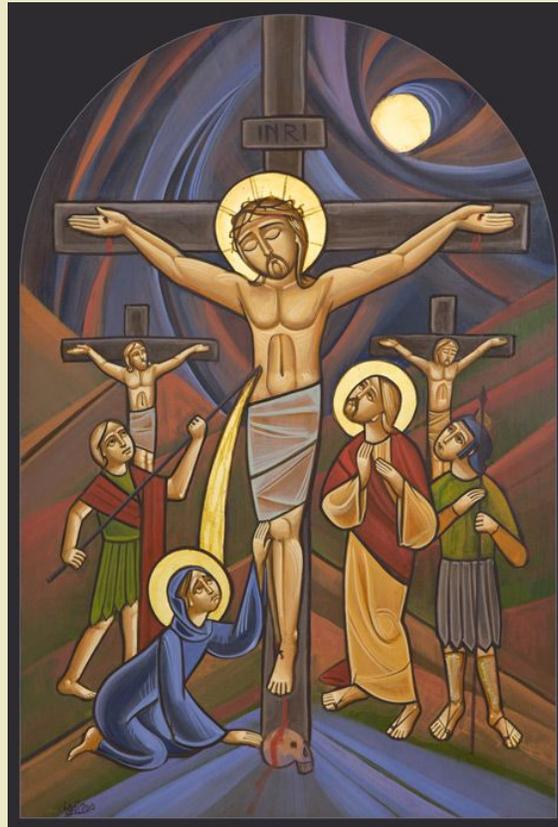
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Lessons for the Month of October

- **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>