

# Sunday School Grade 11

## 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.

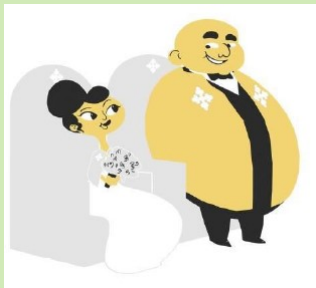
# Preparation for Marriage

## Lessons for the Month of January

- **Lesson Outline: Week 2**
  - Marriage is one of the church's 7 sacraments.
  - In marriage the couple become united as one.
  - The united couple then create a Christian family.
  - The sacrament of marriage is inspired by the bible.
  - The unity of the married couple is similar to the unity of the church with Jesus.
  - The Orthodox church marriage ceremony is a heavenly experience.

# Word Bank

- Marriage



- United



- Family



- Sacrament



- Couple



- Ceremony



# Objective: To understand the rite and Sacrament of Marriage in our Orthodox Church.



**Memory Verse: “A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,...” (Genesis 2:24).**



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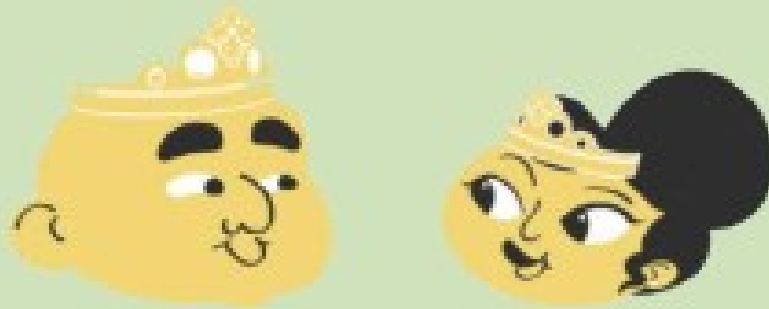




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# Marriage

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- **Conclusion**
  - Marriage is one of the church's 7 sacraments.
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  - The sacrament of marriage is inspired by the bible.
  - The unity of the married couple is similar to the unity of the church with Jesus.
  - The Orthodox church marriage ceremony is a heavenly experience.
- 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/Grade11.pdf>