

# Sunday School Grade 8 A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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## **A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum**

- 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.

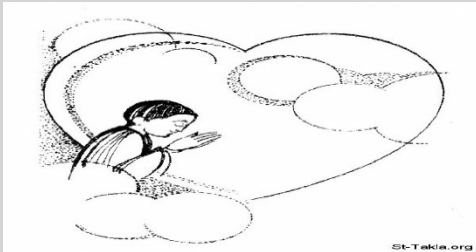
# Preparation for Do Not Worship Men

## Lessons for the Month of January

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**
  - We should not try to appear righteous during worship.
  - Worshipping men can distract us from our worship to God.
  - One example is to try to impress others with your words during prayer.
  - Also we may fast only when we find fasting food easy.
  - Giving donations in front of others is a form of worshipping men.
  - We also try to avoid confession because we do not want the priest to know our sins.

# Word Bank

- **Worship**



- **Distract**



- **Impress**



- **Fasting**



- **Donation**



- **Confessing**

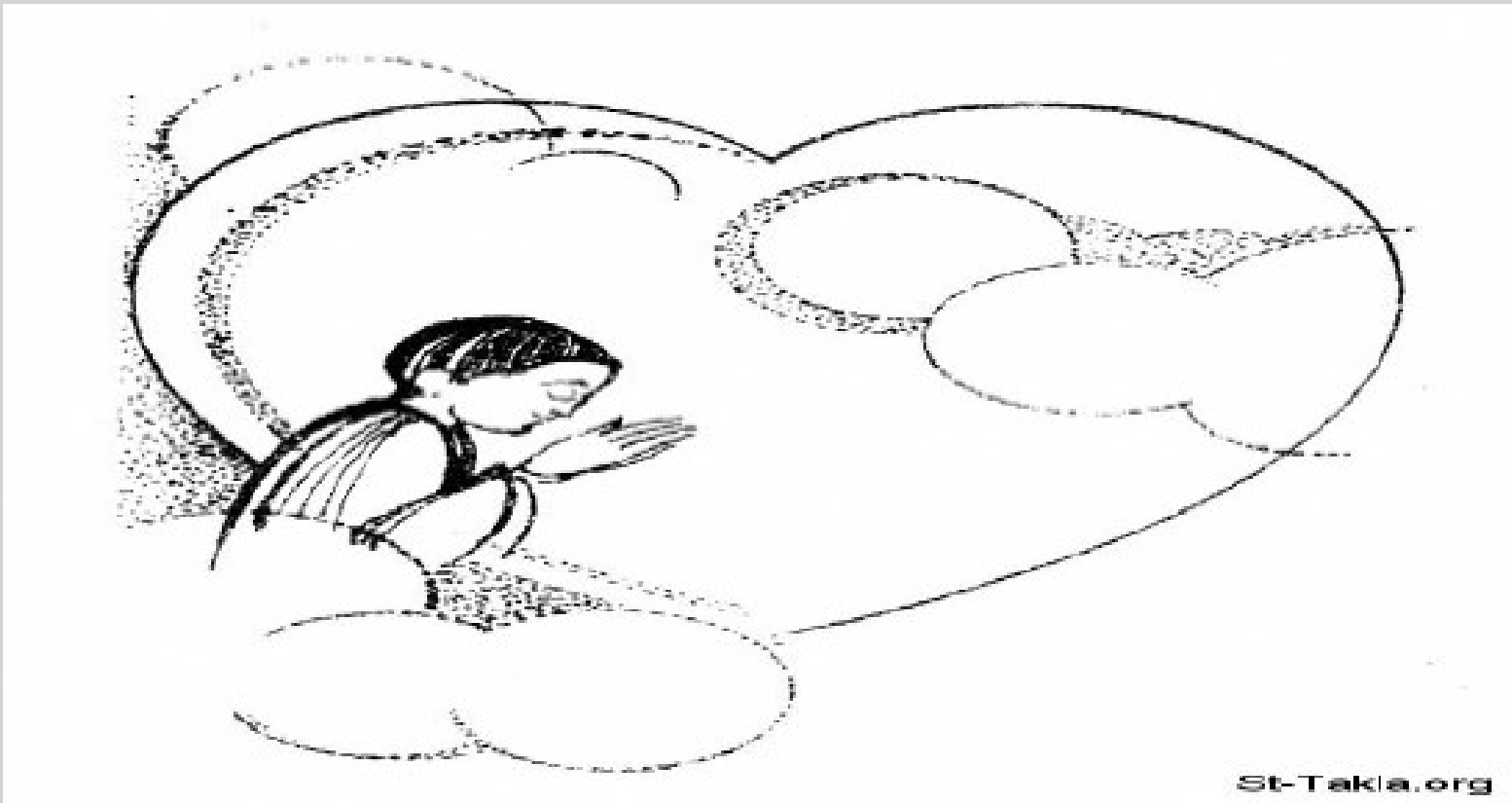


**Objective: To understand that God is the focus for worship and not people.**



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**Memory Verse: “God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:24).**



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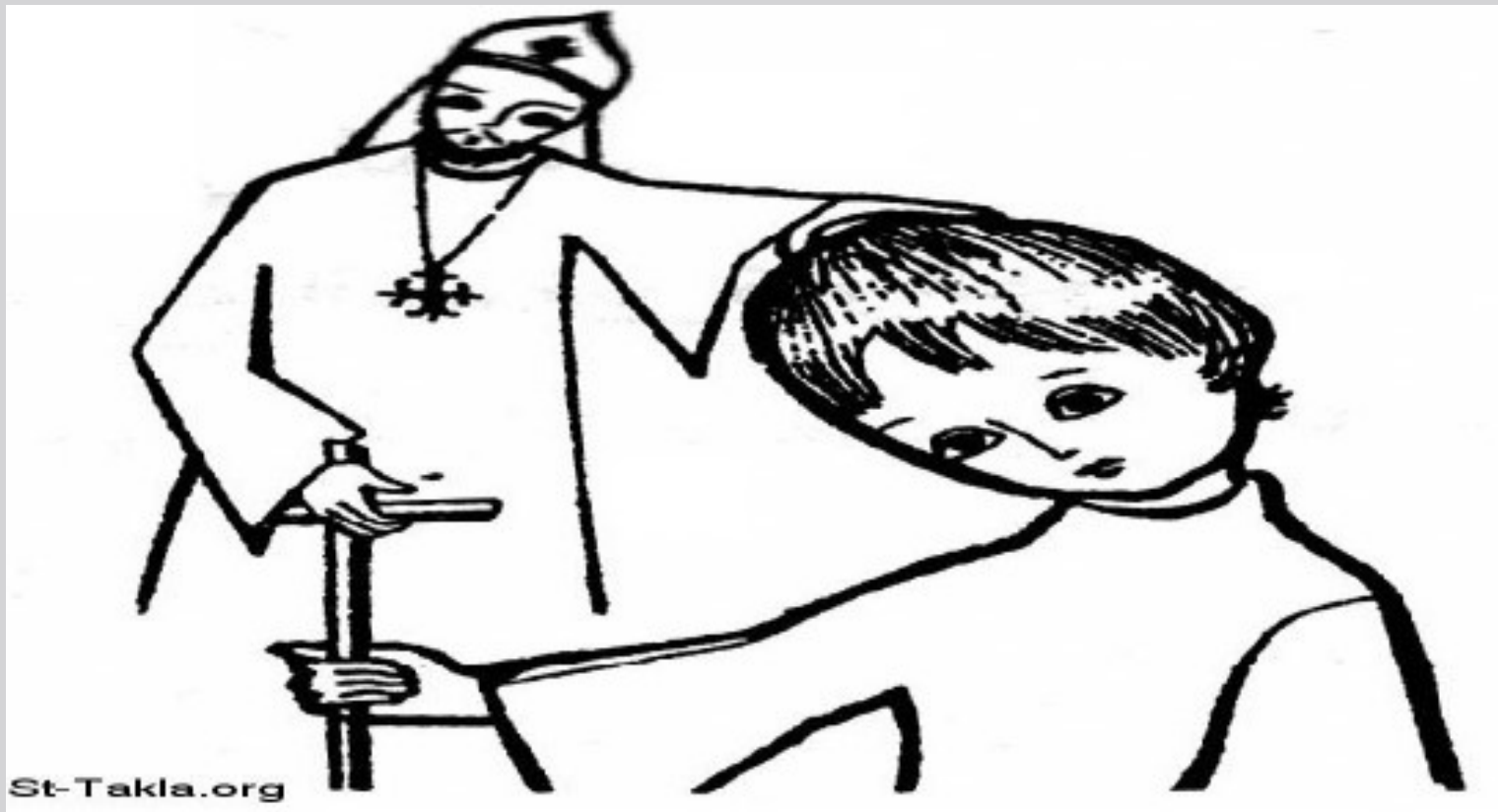
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# Do Not Worship Men

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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/Grade08.pdf>