

Sunday School Grade 1

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 Jonah in the Belly of the Fish

Lessons for the Week Before Jonah's Fast

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**

- God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and tell the people to repent.
- Jonah didn't want to go and tried to hide from God.
- He got on a ship, and there was a big storm.
- On the ship, Jonah was told to pray to his God so he can stop the storm.
- Jonah told them to throw him in the sea because God was angry with him.
- Jonah was in the belly of a fish for 3 days and God helped him get out.

Word Bank

- Nineveh



- Hide



- Storm



- Ship



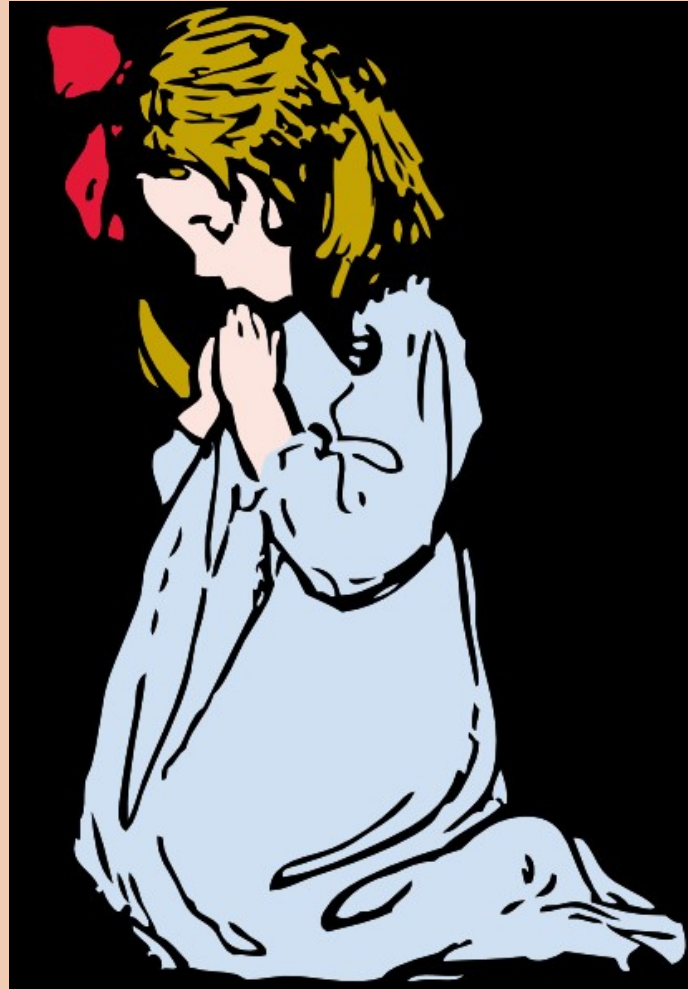
- Sea



- Fish



Objective: To learn to obey God



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Memory Verse: “The Lord spoke to the fish and it vomited Jonah” (Jonah 2:10)



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Week before the Fast: Jonah in the Belly of the Fish

Lessons for the Month of February

- **Conclusion**

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- **To God be the glory, forever, Amen.**

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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/Grade01.pdf>