

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 and the Plant

Lessons for the Week After Jonah's Fast

- **Lesson Outline: Week 2**

- Jonah went to Nineveh and told the people to repent or they will be destroyed in 40 days.
- Everyone fasted and prayed for 3 days.
- God forgave them, but Jonah wasn't happy.
- God made a plant to protect Jonah from the heat.
- A worm ate the plant and Jonah was sad.
- God told Jonah that he would have been sad if the people were destroyed.

Word Bank

- Repent



- Fasted



- Forgave



- Plant



- Worm



- Jonah



Objective: To be kind to others



Memory Verse: “You are a gracious and merciful God” (Jonah 4:2)



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Week after Jonah's Fast- Jonah and the Plant

Lessons for the Month of February

- **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/Grade01.pdf>