

Sunday School Grade 2

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 Epiphany: Baptizing children

Lessons for the Month of January

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**

- When we are baptized, we become Christians.
- We dress in white outfits.
- The priest immerses us in the water 3 times.
- The priest then anoints us 36 times with the Holy Myron.
- Then we receive the Holy Spirit after Baptism.
- The priest then ties a red ribbon (Girdle) to our chest. It represent Joy and Power.

Word Bank

- Myron



- Sacrament



- Baptism



- White Cloths



Objective: Explain the Baptism rite in a simple way to children.



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Memory Verse: *“Repent and let everyone of you be baptized” (Acts 2:38)*



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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/Grade02.pdf>