

Sunday School Grade 5 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 Celebrating Christmas Differently

Lessons for the Month of January

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**

- Remember That the birth of Baby Jesus is the reason for Christmas.
- Jesus is the best gift given to us. He died on the cross for our salvation.
- When wrapping Christmas gifts remember to reach out around us. Christ offered to all of us without exceptions.
- While decorating your Christmas tree remember to decorate your life with virtues.
- Jesus first
Others second
Yourself last

Word Bank

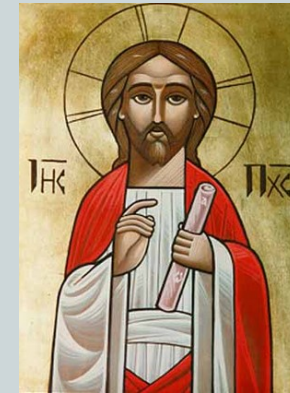
- Christmas



- Salvation



- Gift



- Virtues



- giving



- Joy



Objective: Understand the deep meaning of Christmas celebration



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Memory Verse: “My soul magnifies the Lord and My spirit rejoiced in God of my salvation” (Luke 1:46)



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It is important that we give our time, efforts, whatever we can to help someone in need.



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Celebrating Christmas Differently

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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/Grade05.pdf>