

Sunday School Grade 0

A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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- The A.G.A.P.E. 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 Ship

Lessons for the Week Before Jonah's Fast

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**

- God told Jonah to tell the people of Nineveh to stop being bad.
- Jonah tried to hide from God.
- He got on a ship and there were strong winds.
- The sailors prayed to their gods...nothing happened.
- God was upset with Jonah.
- The sailors threw Jonah overboard and the wind stopped.

Word Bank

- Nineveh



- Hide



- Ship



- Sailors



- Jonah



- Wind



Objective: To learn to listen to God's words



**Memory Verse: “Jonah arose to flee”
(Jonah 1:3)**



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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/Grade00.pdf>