

Sunday School Grade 11

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 Spiritual and Dogmatic Aspects

Lessons for the Great Lent

- **Lesson Outline: Week 0**

- The devil tries to tell us that fasting is bad. The devil will try to give us reasons for not fasting.
- Fasting is not a punishment for sins. Confessing, repenting and taking communion blot out sins.
- Fasting has its spiritual beauty. It is the enjoyment of going back to life of Paradise.
- Sometimes we fast in time of troubles and for knowing the will of God.
- During fasting, you should assign a time for reading and contemplation.
- Make your hand, your eye and your ear fast. Abstain from any wrong action then your fast will be clean.

Word Bank

- Fasting



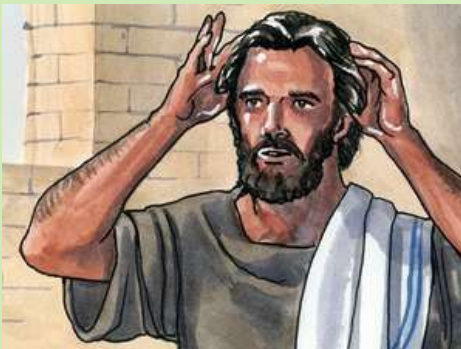
- Communion



- Paradise



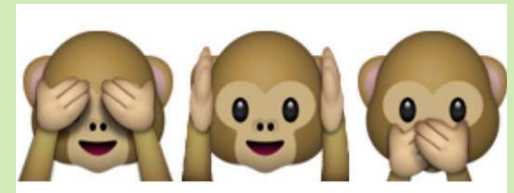
- Anoint yourself



- Contemplate



- Abstain

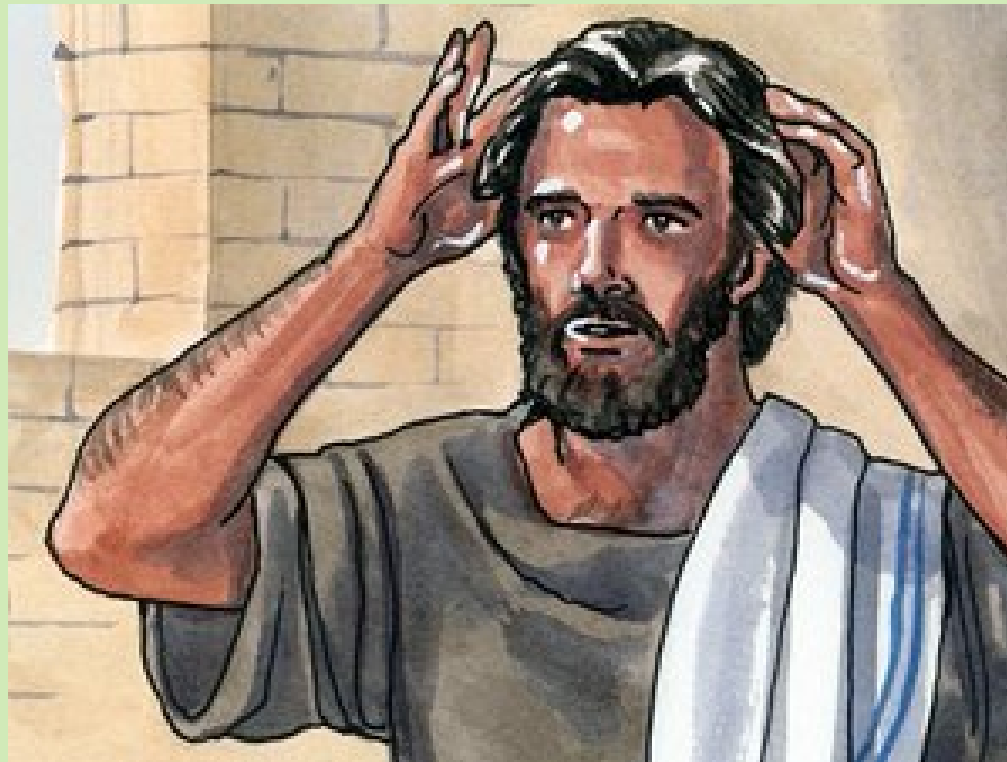


Objective: Practical conviction of the benefits of fasting and exercising it.



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Memory Verse: *"But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting,..."* (Matthew 6:17).



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Spiritual and Dogmatic Aspects Lessons for the Great Lent

- **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/Grade11.pdf>