

# 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 The Sign of the Cross

## Lessons for the Great Lent

### Lesson Outline: Week 1

- One day Queen Helena wanted to find the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Queen Helena went to Jerusalem to find it and a man named Judas helped her to find it.
- The cross was hidden by bad people under a pile of papers and Garbage.
- Queen Helena removed everything and found 3 crosses.
- Queen Helena tried to find which cross is our Lord Jesus by placing each cross on a dead man.
- The third cross made the dead man wake up so it was the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# Word Bank

- Queen Helena



- Cross



- Jerusalem



- Hidden



- Sign of the Cross



- The 3 Crosses



# Objective: To teach the children the sign of the cross and its importance



**Memory Verse: “God forbid that I should glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Galatians 6:14)**

 **The Sign of the Cross** 

- ❖ The Cross is a sign of our Beloved Jesus Christ and His love to us.
- ❖ The Cross is also a sign of His sufferings.



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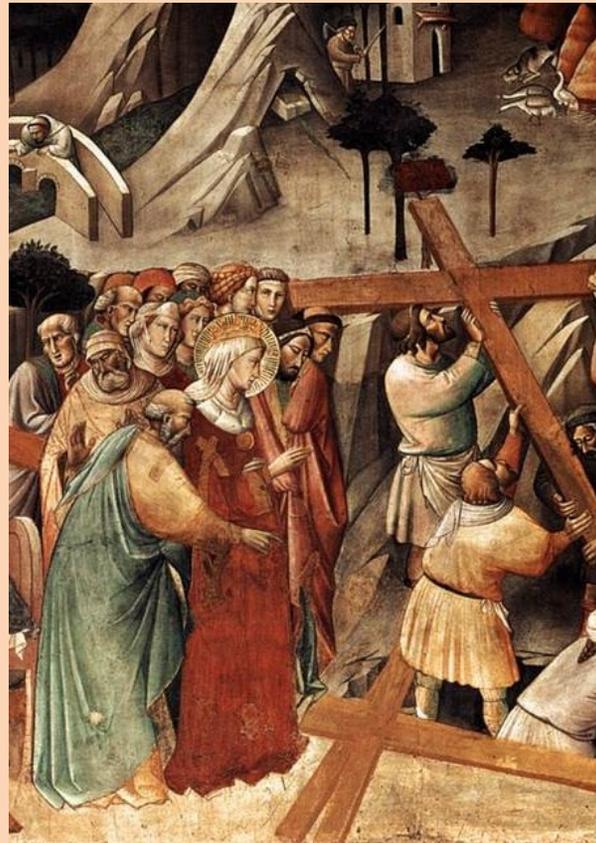


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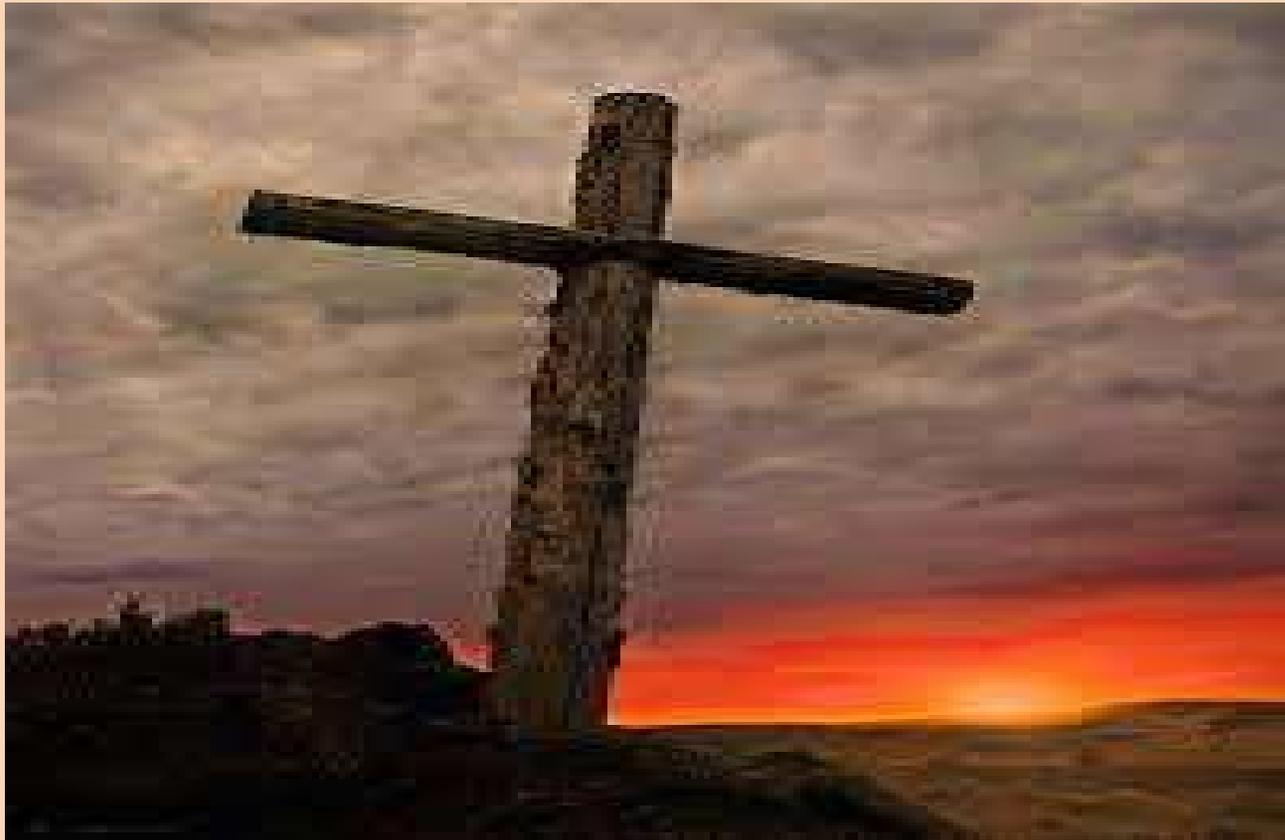
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# The Sign of the Cross

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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/Grade01.pdf>