

Sunday School Grade 8 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 Prayer Room

Lessons for the Great Lent

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**

- The devil hates seeing us praying with concentration. Because this means that we are free from his bondage.
- We should not make excuses for not praying. We have to train ourselves to overcome the devil and to control our thoughts.
- Prayer is the power to train the will and the whole being of man of self-control.
- Make use of the sign of the cross when the devil is fighting you.
- When you stand to pray, do not say, “I gained nothing”. God is always at work, in secret, in the heart.
- Devote a certain time for prayer. Dedicate and sanctify the period devoted for prayer.

Word Bank

- Pray



- Excuses



- Self-Control



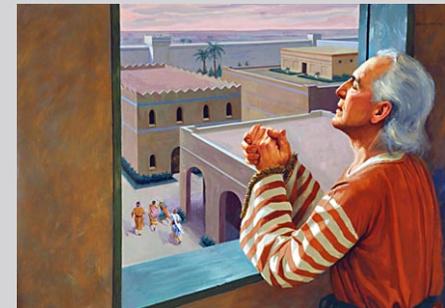
- Distractions



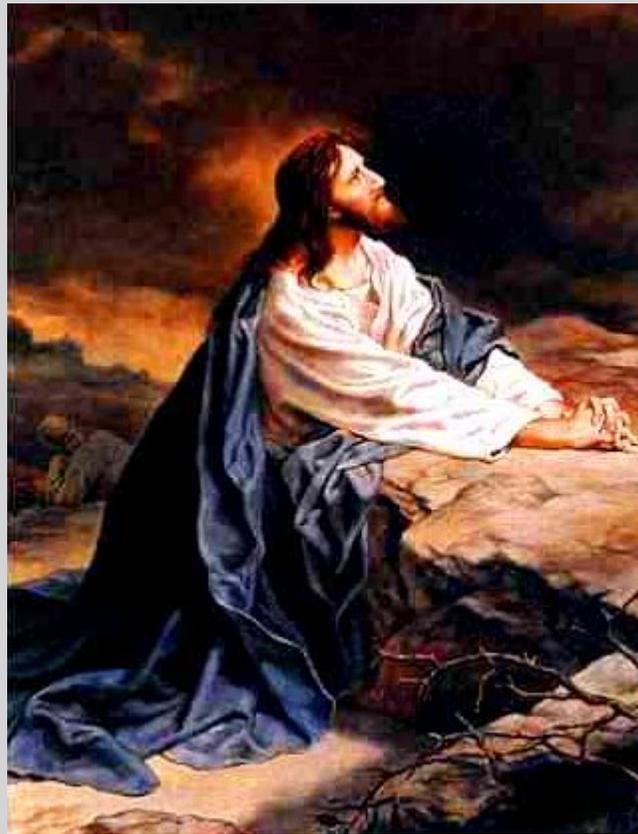
- Prayer Room



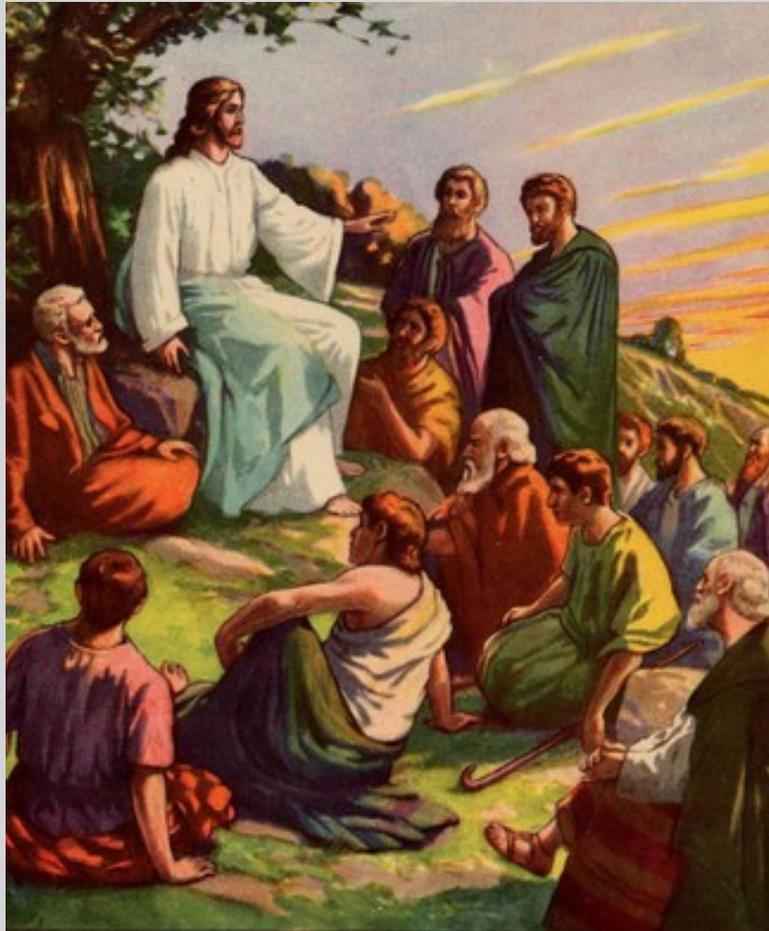
- Devote Time



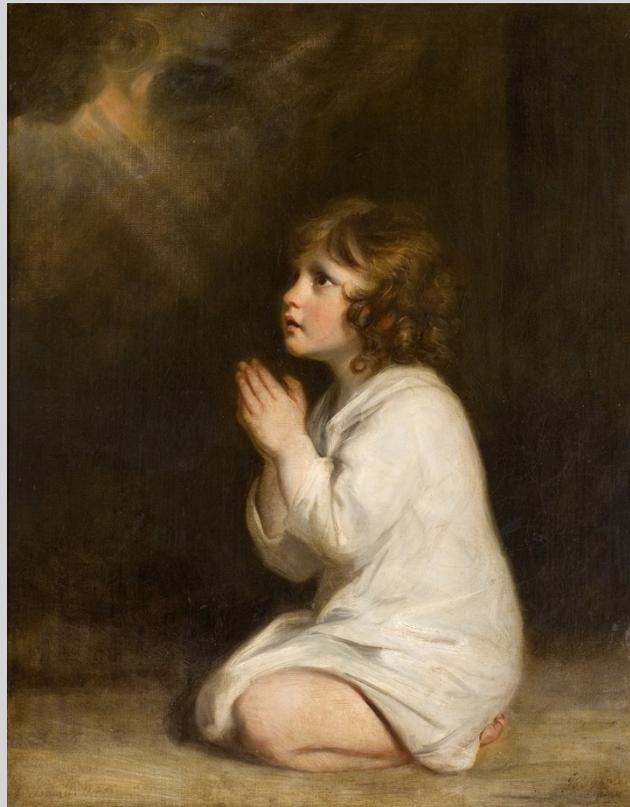
Objective: Find solutions for the difficulties we face when we pray.



Memory Verse: “Man ought always to pray, and not to faint” (Luke 18:1).



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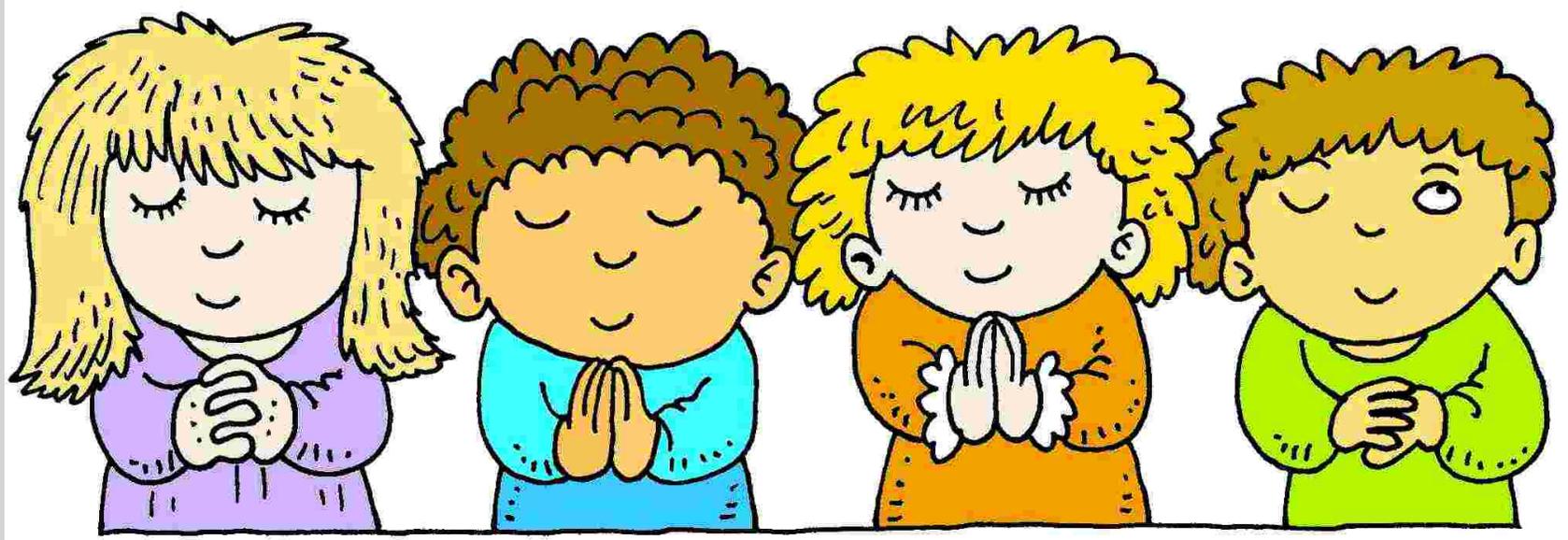
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body
temperance
Spirit
prayer
tongue
exercise
perseverance
Holy Jesus
continnence
obedient
self-control
egkrateia
restraining
everything
thought
speech
honour
discipline
master

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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/Grade08.pdf>