

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 Contention and the Three Kinds of Challenge

Lessons for the Great Lent

- **Lesson Outline: Week 2**

- Temptations are not from God but from the Devil. Obedience means love for Christ and for Christ alone.
- Fasting is a means for achieving the life of purity, chastity, the holiness of the members of the body.
- The church tells us that the desire for food is one of the most dangerous sins in the life of man.
- We fast to show the Lord that through our hunger and thirst there is hunger in the heart. Material things cannot satisfy hunger.
- The Scripture refers to the temptation of owning and possessing as the Lust of the eyes.
- Obedience is the virtue with which you overcome the temptation of the enemy, pride, haughtiness and false praise.

Word Bank

- **Temptations**



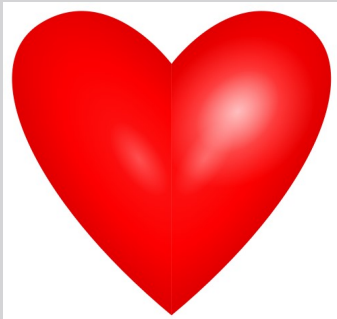
- **Devil**



- **Fasting**



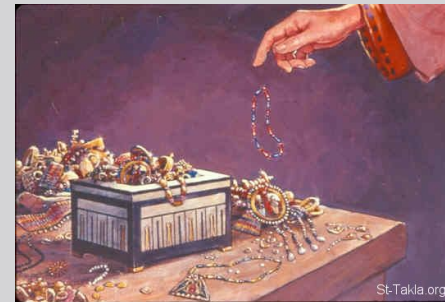
- **Heart**



- **Food**



- **Material Things**



Objective: To resist the desire of the eyes, the desire of the flesh and the pride of life by the power of He who conquered in the wilderness.



Memory Verse: “Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you” (James 4:7-8).



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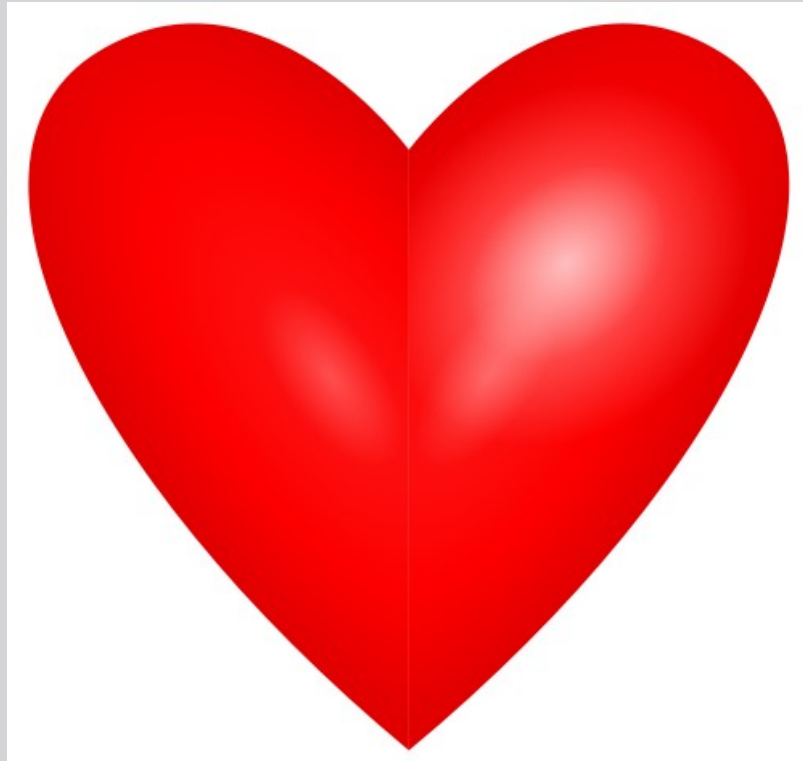
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- **Conclusion**

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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>