

Sunday School Grade 9

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 Church Fasts

Lessons for the Great Lent

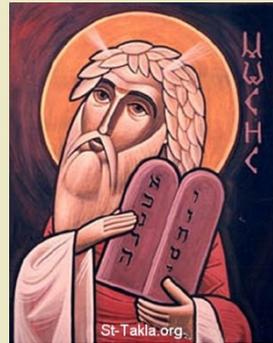
- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**
 - Many Prophets in the Old Testament fasted. Example: Moses fasted before he received the 10 Commandments.
 - Man was created not eating animal's meat or dairy product for centuries till the time of Noah.
 - Fasting is important for us to grow spiritually.
 - With the gradual and regular fasting we will learn self-control and earn the inner peace.
 - By fasting and praying our fathers the Apostles casted demons and healed the sick.
 - The Church Fathers organized the fasting periods, so the Church members would fast in unity as the body of Jesus Christ.

Word Bank

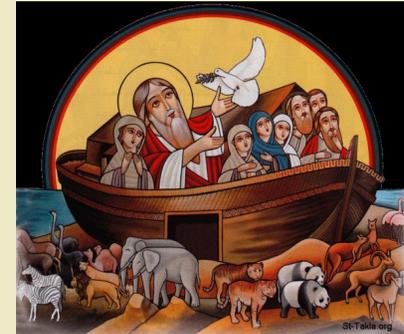
- Fasting



- Moses



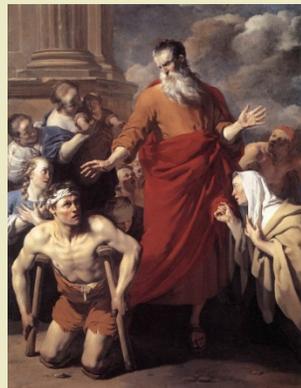
- Noah



- Spirituality



- Heal



- Church Fathers



Objective: The meaning of Fasting



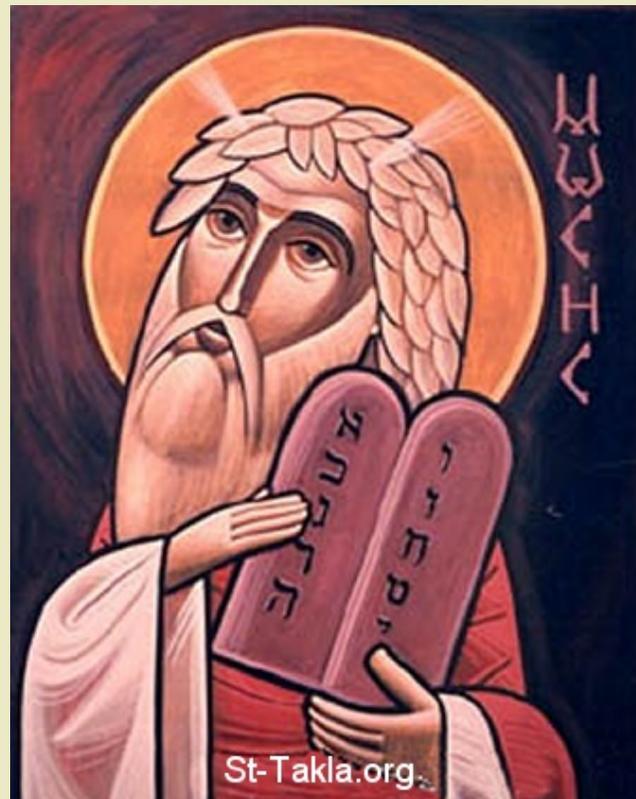
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Memory Verse: *"The days will come, when the Bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day"* (Mark 2-18)



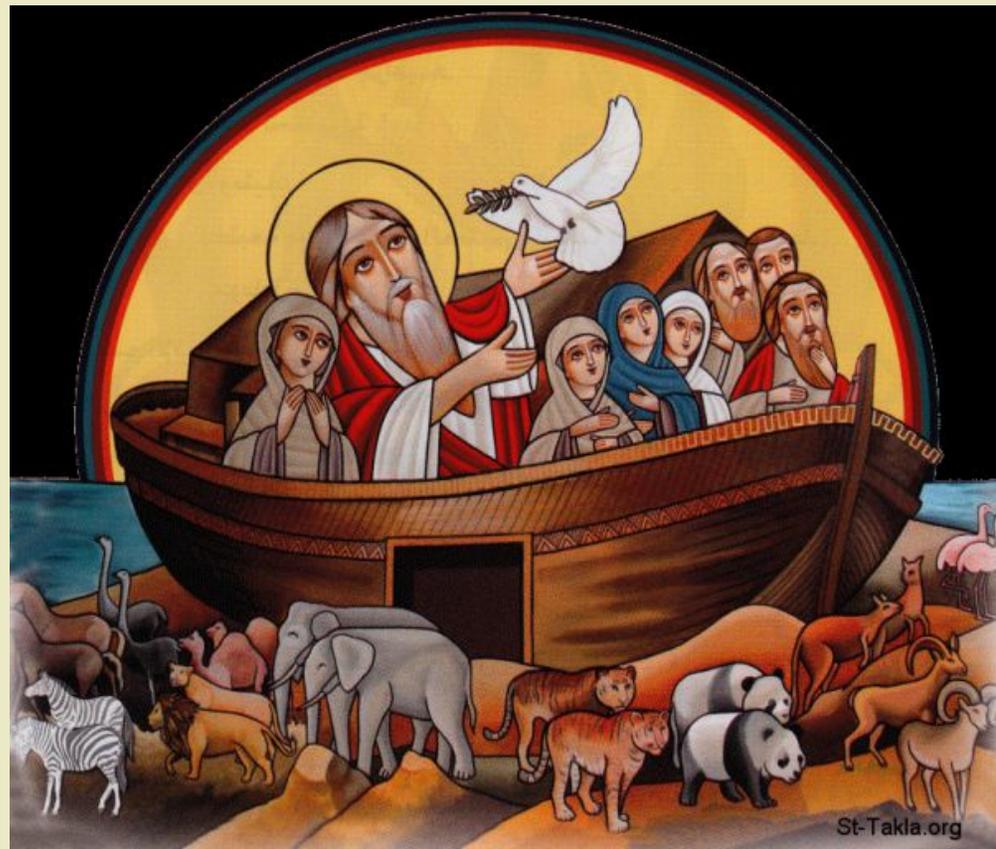
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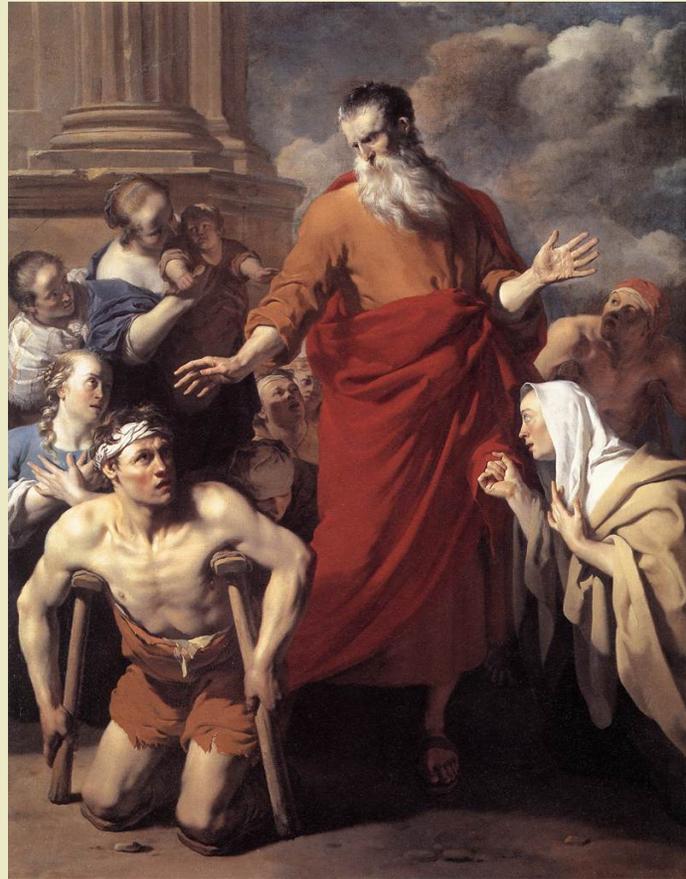


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Lessons for the Great Lent

- **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/Grade09.pdf>