

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 Dedication of All Lessons for the Great Lent

- **Lesson Outline: Week 6**

- The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure a man finds in the field.
- The Kingdom of heaven is like a man who sold all he has. Then he bought a pearl of great value.
- These two parables reiterate that the holy zeal is the fruit of spiritual discovery.
- Our spiritual life necessitates true complete dedication and commitment to the greatest goals.
- We must get rid of our bodily desires, our defects, weaknesses, pride, worries and cares.
- Through prayers and offering our whole life to God, we recognize the dedication of our body, mind and feelings.

Word Bank

- Kingdom of Heaven



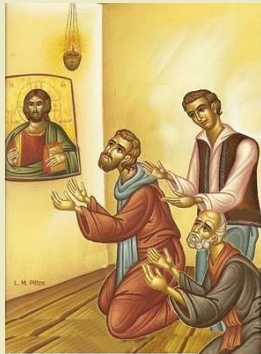
- Treasure



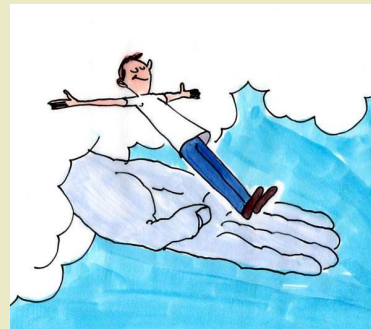
- Pearl



- Holy Zeal



- Trust in God



- Dedicate

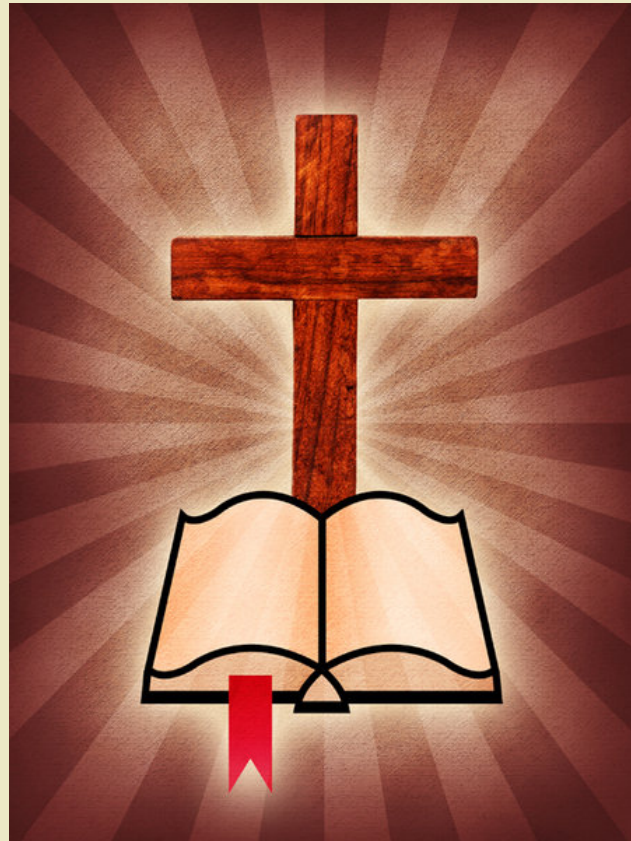


Objective: Submitting our whole life to God (body, mind and feelings)



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Memory Verse: *“For where your treasure is there your heart will be also” (Luke 12:34)*



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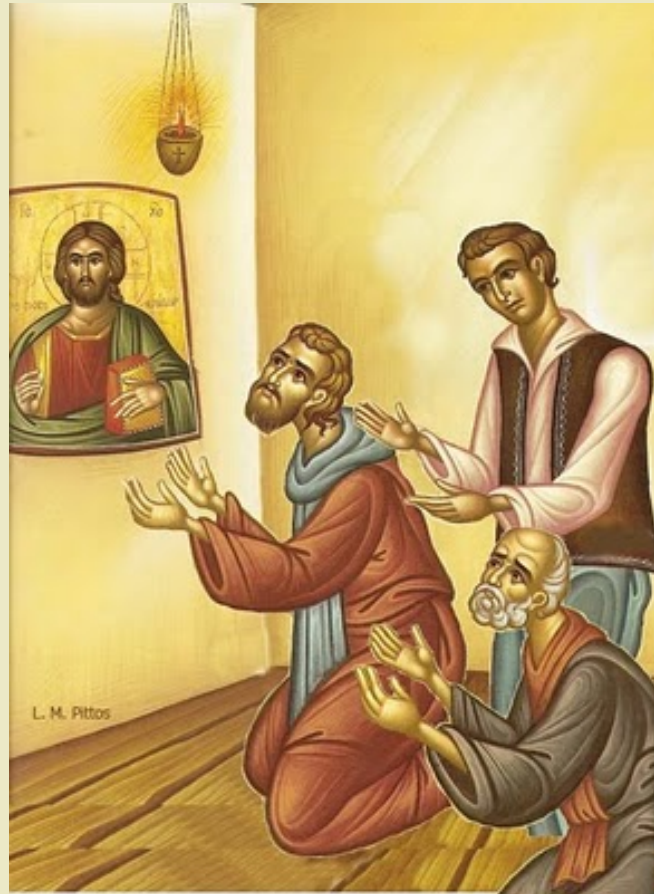
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Dedication of All Lessons for the Great Lent

- **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>