

Sunday School Grade 3 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 Lights Inside The Church

Lessons for the Pentecost

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

- There are many lights inside the church. Some are on the lecterns before the holy books.
- Others are on the altar so that the church can be lit like the sky.
- Lamps and candles also shine and look like stars.
- This reminds us that we have to shine like lights in the world.
- There is a lamp hung on the east side of the altar. Its like the star that guided the wise men to the manger.
- There are tapers and lamps before the icons of the saints and martyrs because they are lights in the world.

Word Bank

- Lights



- Altar



- Lamps



- Shine



- Star



- Icons



Objective: Love of the church.



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Memory Verse: “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12)



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Lights Inside The Church

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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/Grade03.pdf>