

Sunday School Grade 4 A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States

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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 Priesthood

Lessons for the Month of July

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**

- Priesthood is one of the 7 Sacraments. A priest is “A man of God” and “A man of prayer.”
- Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted the priesthood when He chose the twelve apostles. He consecrated them for ministry.
- Priesthood is a great honor. It is a consecration of the work with God for the salvation of the souls.
- The priesthood is three ranks; Deacon, Priest and Bishop.
- Deacons are servants. Priests are teachers. Bishops are overseers and shepherds.
- By the priest we put on Christ. We are united to the Son of God. We become members of that blessed head.

Word Bank

- Bishop



- Priest



- Deacon



- Sacraments



- United



- Consecrate



Objective: To understand the institution of the priesthood and where it comes from.



Memory Verse: “For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, and people should seek the law from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts” (Malachi 2:7)



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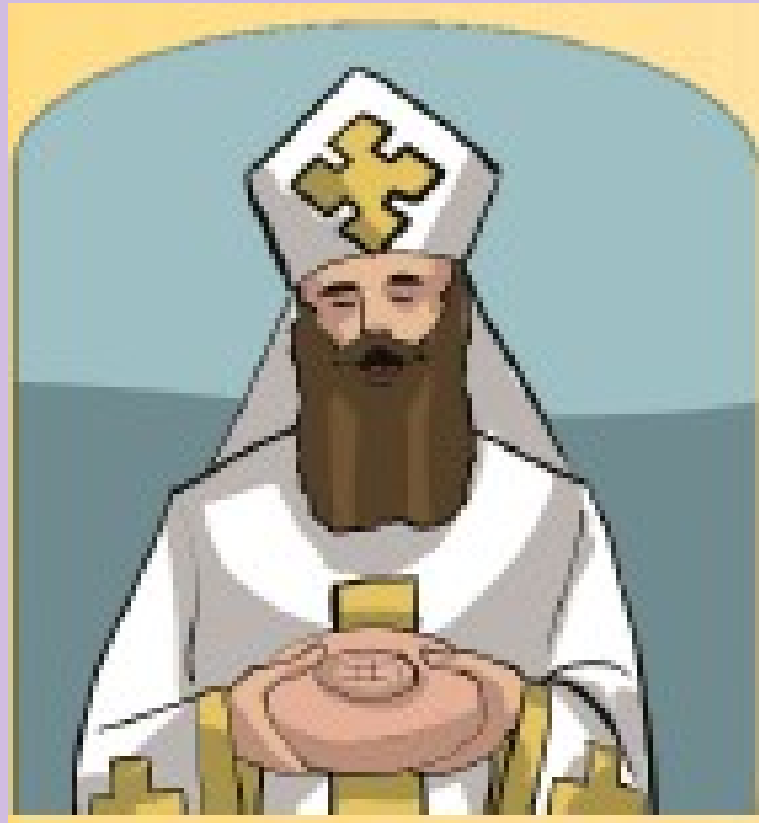
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- **Conclusion**

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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/Grade04.pdf>