

# 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 Repentance And Confession

## Lessons for the Month of August

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**

- When we are baptized we are cleansed from sins. During life we commit more sins.
- God loves us but he hates sin. He made for us the Sacrament of confession.
- We tell the priest the bad things that we did. The priest gives us advise on how to stop doing them.
- We should go to a priest because God gave him authority to forgive and absolve us our sins.
- To prepare for confession we need to remember our sins. Pray to God for forgiveness. Then confess to a priest.
- God is pleased when you confess. You will also feel happy.

# Word Bank

- Cleansed



- Confession



- Advise



- Absolve



- Prepare



- Happy



**Objective: To understand that God cares for him and wants to forgive his sins the same way his father forgives him when he makes a mistake.**



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**Memory Verse: *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us” (1 John 1:9)***



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# Repentance and Confession

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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>