### 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 The Feast Of The Virgin - The Appearance In Zeiton Lessons for the Month of August

#### Lesson Outline: Week 3

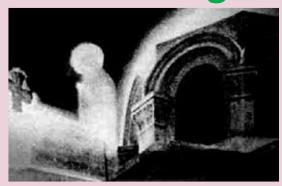
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- She appeared as a lady shinning light. She was kneeling in front of the cross.
- The watchman, Abdel Aziz got worried that the lady would fall off the dome.
- St. Mary became clearer as a beautiful girl in a bright gown of light. In her hand were olive branches.
- Doves were flying around her and people realized that they were seeing a heavenly vision.
- St. Mary appeared, sometimes with the child Jesus Christ on her hand. Many miracles happened.

#### **Word Bank**

Egypt



Kneeling



Dome



Olive branches



Doves



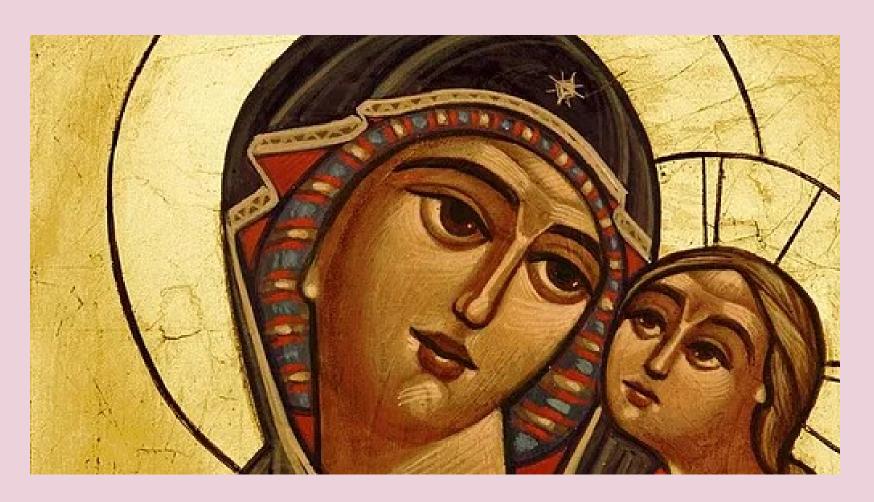
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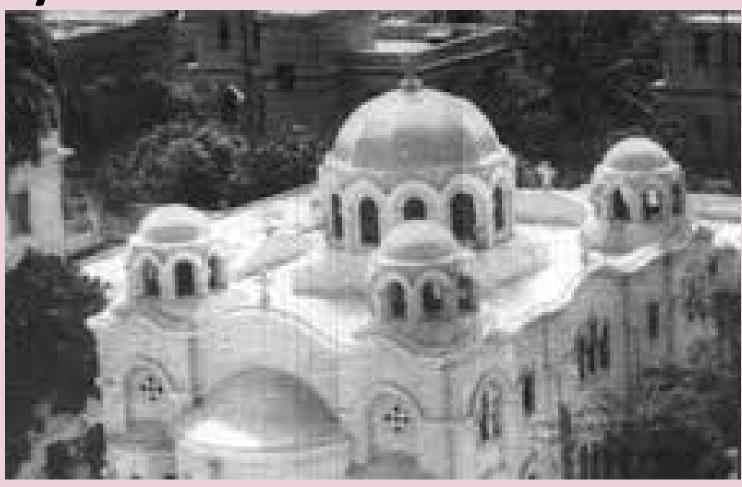
### Objective: To learn the story of St. Mary. To take her example in virtues



#### Memory Verse: "All generations will call me blessed" (Luke 1:48)



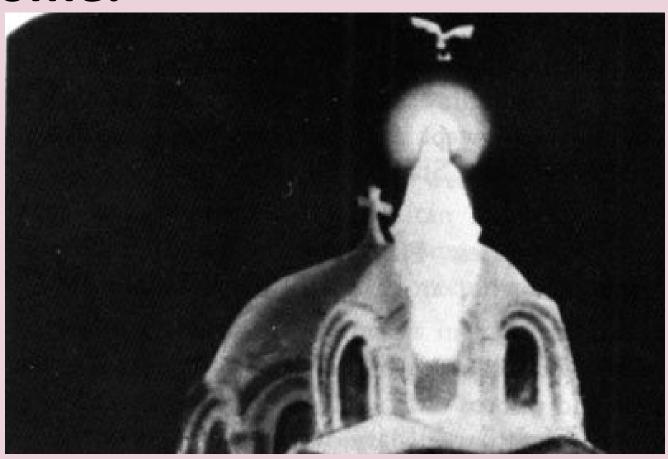
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#### **Lessons for the Month of August**

#### 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