

# Sunday School Grade 3 A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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## **A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum**

- 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 Intercession

## Lessons for the Month of August

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

- After we die our body loses life but our spirit goes to paradise like the spirits of good Christians. We are one church.
- They try to help us with their prayer to God. We have to ask for their help when we pray for something beneficial.
- St. Mary, the angels, and saints are surrounding the throne of God in heaven. They are praising to Him on our behalf.
- When we ask for intercession, they take our prayer and add it to theirs. Then they offer it to God.
- St. Mary did this in the wedding of Cana of Galilee.
- When the priest raises incense on the altar with our payer, we ask for the intercession of the saints but we pray to God.

# Word Bank

- Church



- Ask



- Surrounding



- Intercession



- Wedding



- Raises





**Objective: The children should realize that the great saints don't die. They just move from our world to join the heavenly host. Thus, they have more freedom (like the angels) to communicate with us and, more importantly, support our weak prayers with their strong ones.**



**Memory Verse: *“The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16).***



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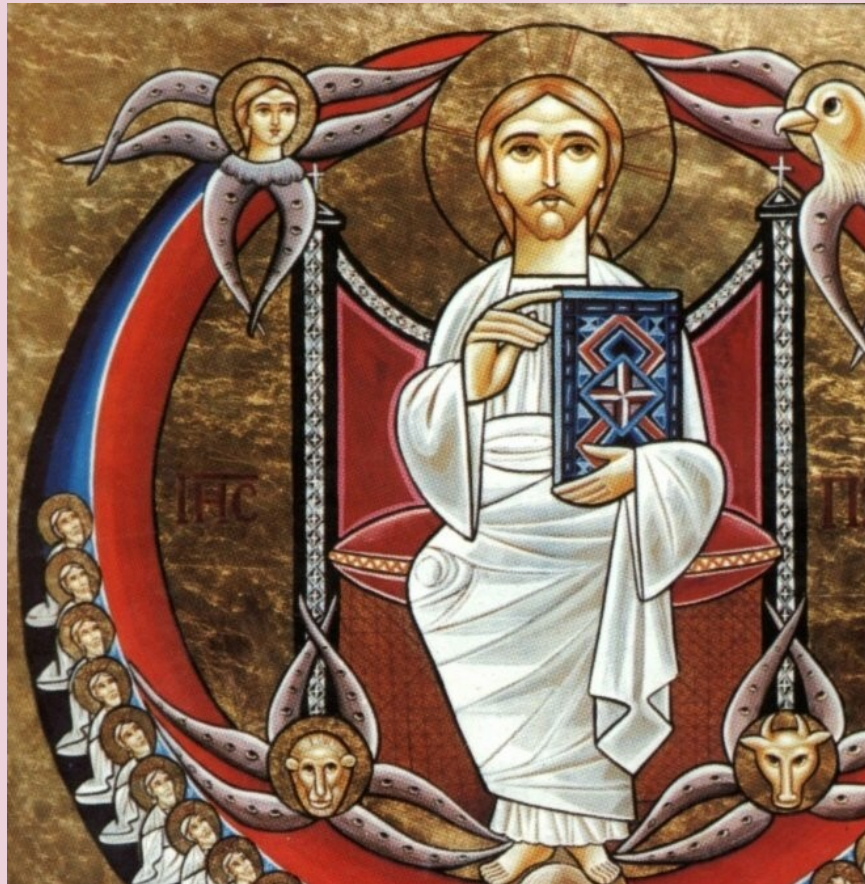
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# Intercession

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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>