

Sunday School Grade 2

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 Censer

Lessons for the Month of October

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

- In the Old Testament they offered incense.
- In the New Testament the angel came to Zachariah in the temple. He was burning incense.
- In the Coptic church the priest raises incense during all prayers.
- The three chains carrying the censer are the Holy Trinity. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- The censor with the coal means St. Mary. She carried Christ.
- The smoke rises like our prayers to Heaven. Only the priest can raise incense.

Word Bank

- Censer



- Incense



- Chain



- Zachariah



- Priest



- Smoke



Objective: Teach the children the meaning of the censer. Teach the children the importance of the censer in worship.



Memory Verse: *“In every place incense shall be offered to My name” (Malachi 1:11)*



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The Censer

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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/Grade02.pdf>