

# Sunday School Grade 5 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 The Agpeya

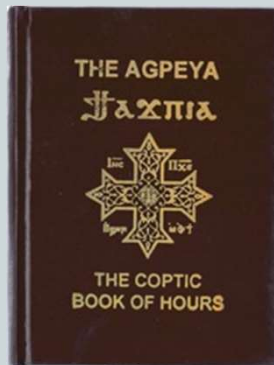
## Lessons for the month of August

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

- Agpeya means ‘the book of hours’. It has prayers for different hours of the day that help us thank God.
- Prime should be prayed in the morning to thank the Lord and ask for the power of His resurrection.
- The third hour reminds us of Christ’s trial, ascension, and the descent of the Holy Spirit.
- The sixth hour reminds us of the crucifixion and the ninth hour commemorates Christ’s death.
- The Vespers commemorate taking down Christ's body from the cross. The Compline reminds us of Christ’s burial
- The Midnight prayers commemorate the second coming. The Veil is an extra prayer read by bishops and monks.

# Word Bank

- Agpeya



- Thank



- Descent



- Crucifixion



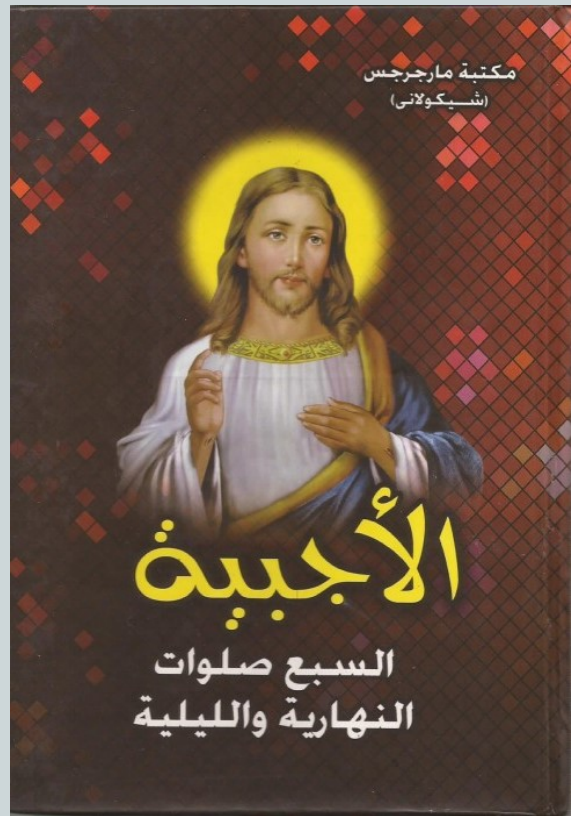
- Burial



- Midnight



**Objective: The benefits of praying the Agpeya. Learn how the Agpeya are arranged and how to pray using it**

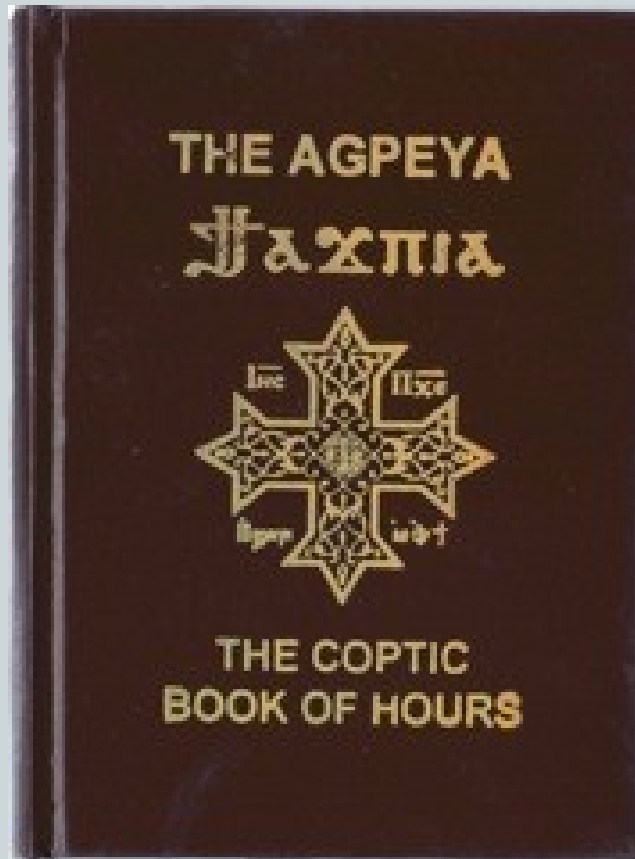


**Memory Verse: “Seven times a day I  
praise You” (Psalm 119:164)**



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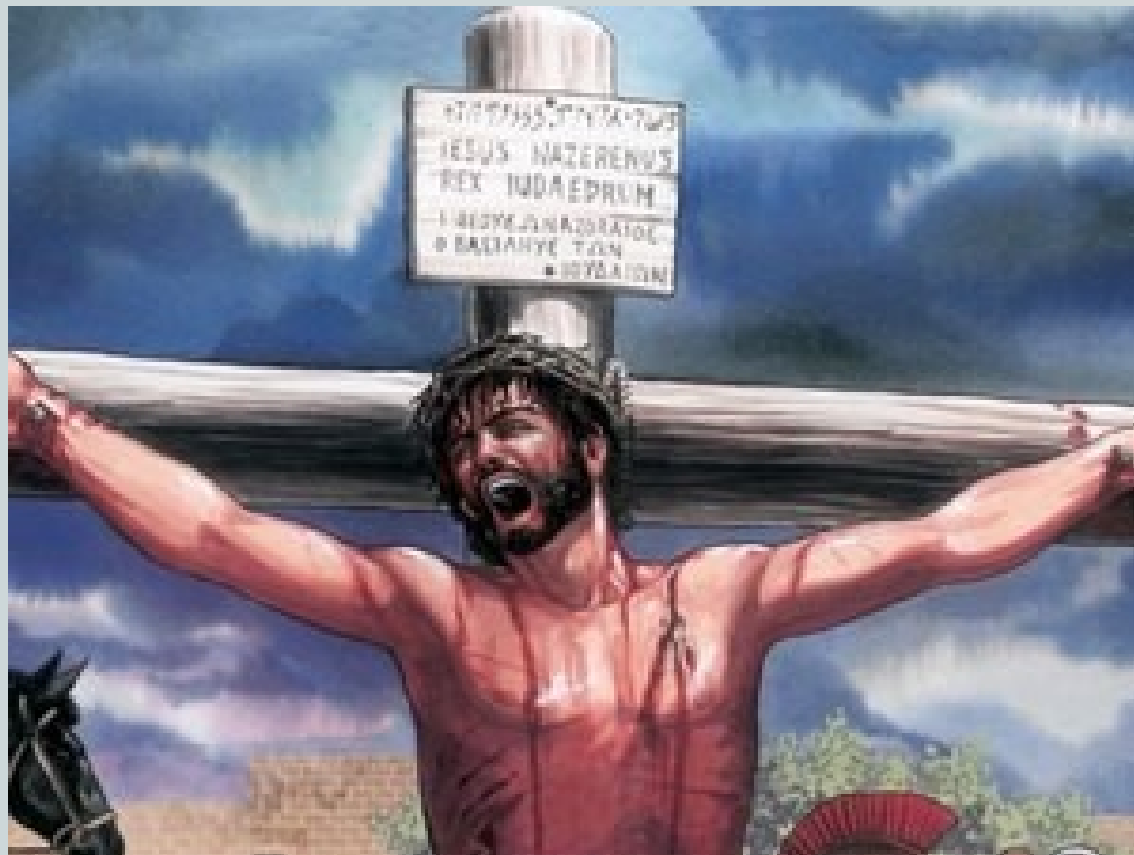


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# The Agpeya

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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/Grade05.pdf>