

# Sunday School Grade 7

## 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 Church After the Council of Nicene

## Lessons for the Month of July

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**

- Jesus told King Constantine in a dream that with the Cross he will win the war.
- King Constantine's mom Queen Helen found Jesus' Cross. She built a church where she found it.
- King Constantine called a council to stop people who are preaching wrong Christian teaching.
- At the council all the attending fathers wrote the Creed.
- Some of the Church fathers desired the life of worship over the world. Like St. Anthony, St Basil the Great and Saverus Patriarch of Antioch.
- The great fathers of the church have defended the faith with all their strength and power.

# Word Bank

- Saints



- Cross



- Council



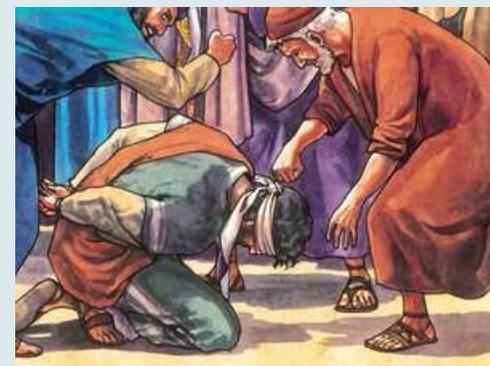
- Creed



- St. Anthony



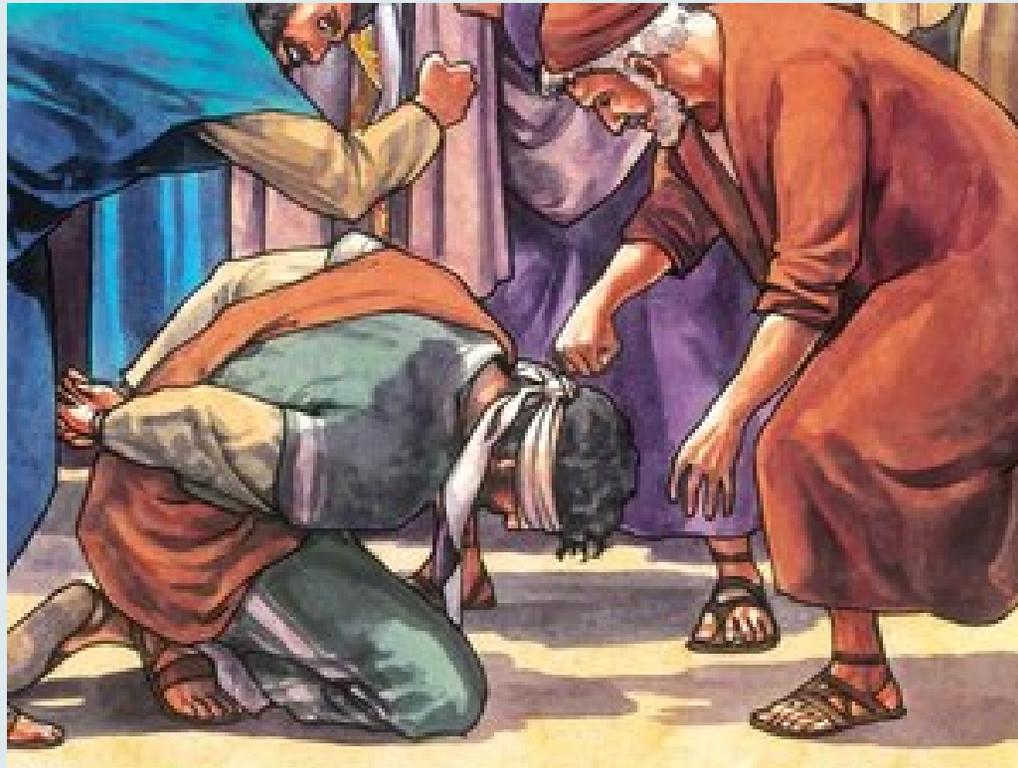
- Persecution



# Objective: To learn and take example from the heroes of the church in the fourth and fifth centuries



**Memory Verse: “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of God” (Matthew 5:10)**



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# The Church After the Council of Nicene

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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/Grade07.pdf>