

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 Ecumenical Councils

Lessons for the Month of July

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

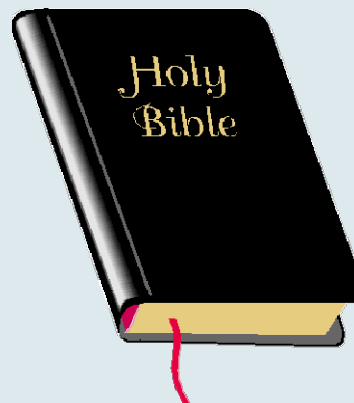
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- The first meeting is when the apostles asked God for guidance to pick Matthias to replace Judas Iscariot.
- They met in Jerusalem to discuss if the believers should become Jews before they are baptized Christian.
- They met in Nicene (325AD) to explain the Holy Trinity. They wrote the first part of the Creed.
- They met again in Constantinople (381AD) and wrote the rest of the Creed.
- The Orthodox Church was strong and defended the faith actively in all the councils.

Word Bank

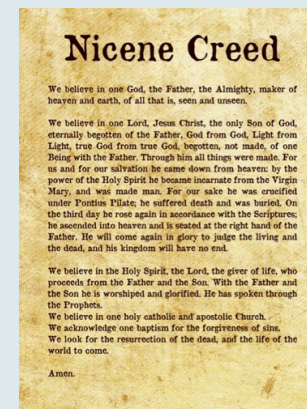
- Ecumenical Council



- Learn



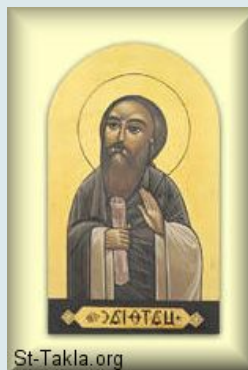
- Creed



- Discuss



- St. Matthias



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- Guidance



Objective: To learn about the three great councils and the work of the church.



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Memory Verse: *“Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15)*



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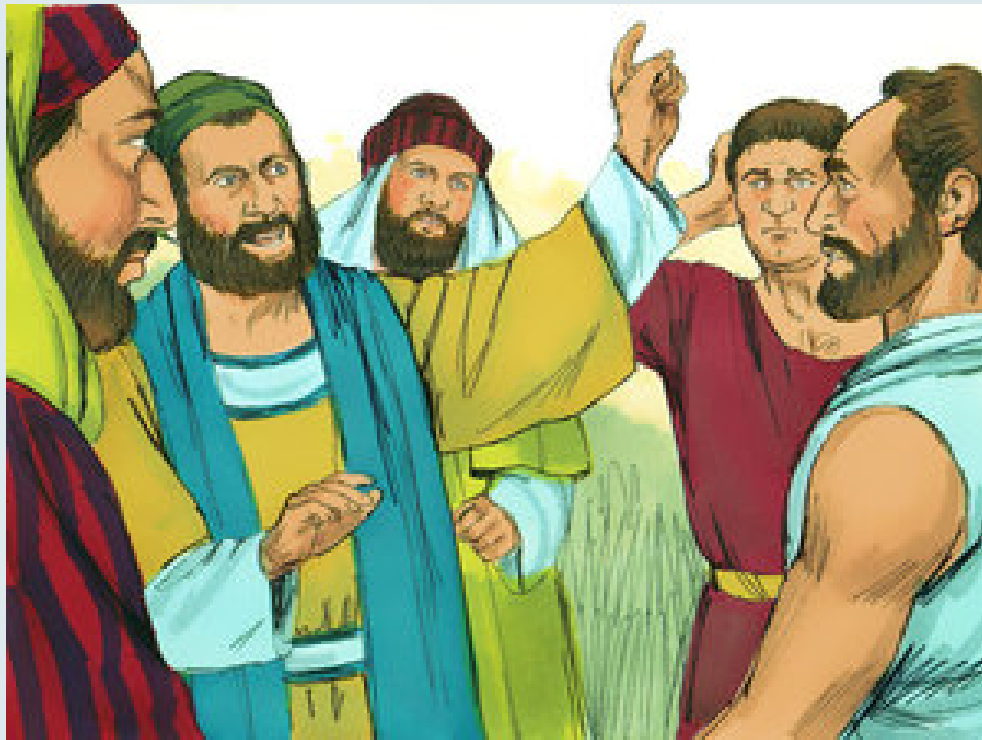
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Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

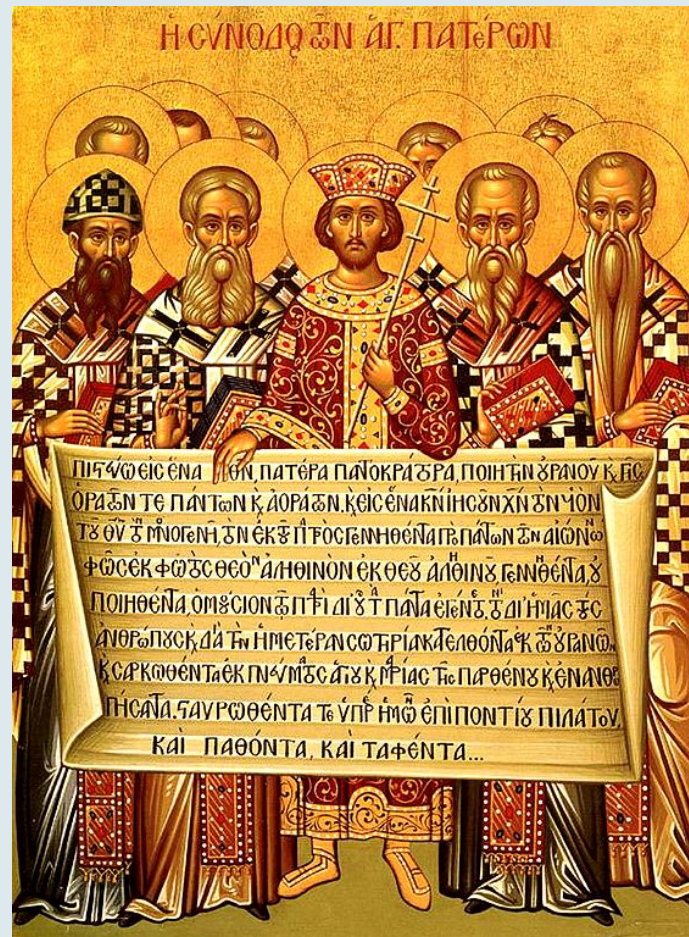
Amen.

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The Ecumenical Councils

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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>