

Sunday School Grade 1

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 How to Pray

Lessons for the month of November

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**
 - We should pray everyday. We start and end with the sign of the cross.
 - We stand up in front of God. We pray with respect.
 - We thank God for everything. We ask him for things we need.
 - We listen when someone else is praying.
 - At the end we pray the Lord's prayer.
"Our Father who art in Heaven..."
 - Jesus taught us the Lord's prayer.

Word Bank

- Pray



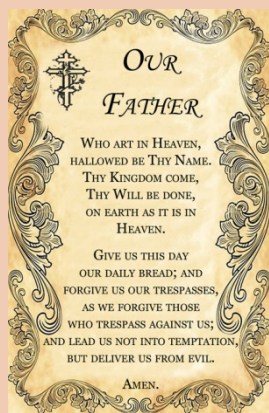
- Sing of the Cross



- Stand



- Lord's Prayer



- Listen



- Respect



Objective: To teach the children how to pray.



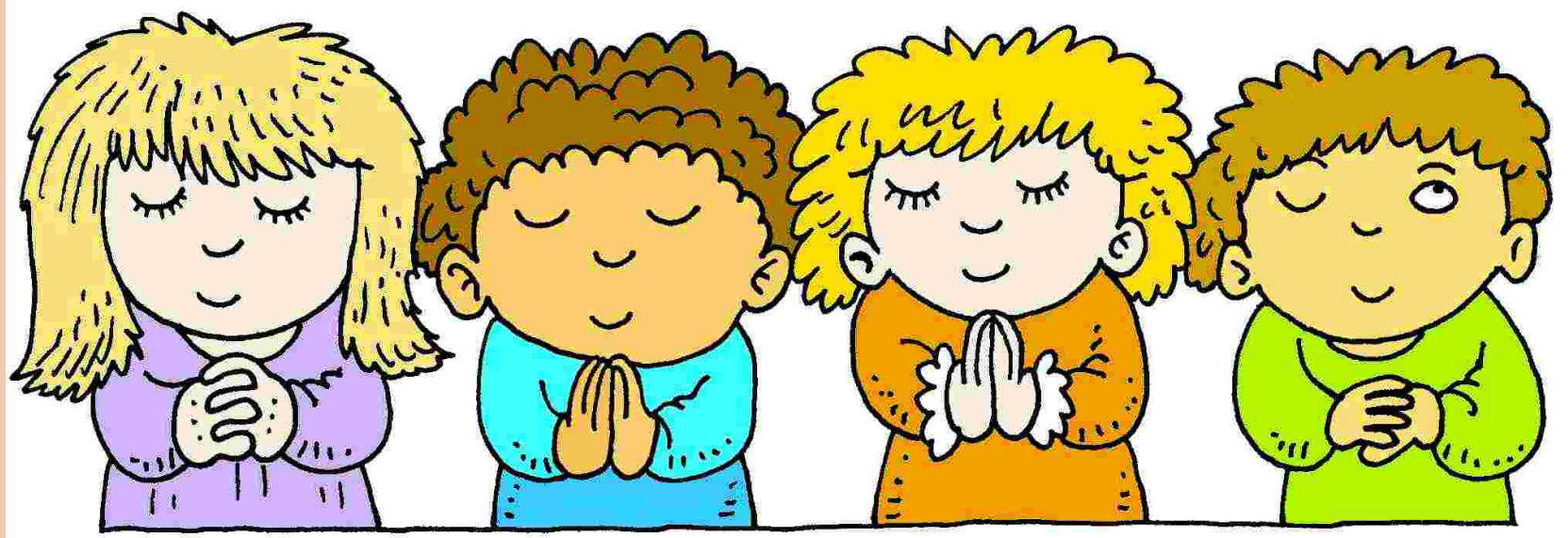
Memory Verse: “Pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks” (1 Thessalonian 5:16-17)



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How to Pray

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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/Grade01.pdf>