

Sunday School Grade 9

A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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- The A.G.A.P.E. 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 Pentecost and the Birth of the Church

Lessons for the Month of July

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**

- Jesus ascended into Heaven after His resurrection.
- The disciples waited for the day of Pentecost.
- They received the Holy Spirit as Jesus promised like tongues of fire. It filled them with courage, love and joy.
- They were able to speak in different languages.
- Three thousand people listened to St. Peter and were baptized.
- The Holy Spirit fills our lives with joy and gladness.

Word Bank

- Ascension



- Pentecost



- Holy Spirit



- Baptize



- Courage



- Gladness



Objective: The work of the Holy Spirit in the Church.



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Memory Verse: “And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them” (Acts 2:2-4).



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Pentecost and the Birth of the Church

Lessons for the Month of July

- **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/Grade09.pdf>