

Sunday School Grade 1

A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States

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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 Obedience: St. John the Short

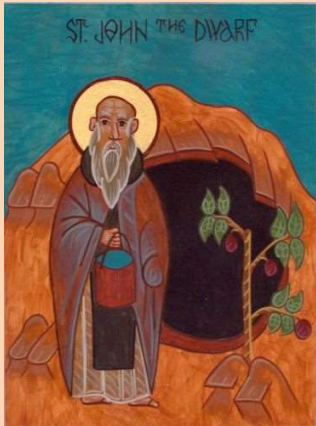
Lessons for Filler Lessons

Lesson Outline: # 2

- St. John was a short person. That is why he is called St. John the Short.
- He wanted to be a monk when he was 18 years old. He went to live in the monastery.
- The abbot of the monastery wanted to test him. He gave him a stick of wood.
- He asked St. John to water it twice every day. It was a dry piece of wood.
- St. John obeyed the abbot. After a long time the stick of wood sprouted.
- The abbot showed it to the rest of the monks. He told them this is the fruit of obedience.

Word Bank

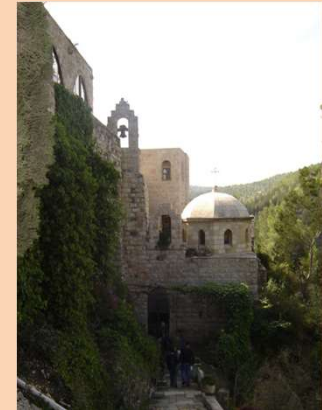
- St. John the Short



- Monk



- Monastery



- Stick of wood



- Obedience



- Sprouted



Objective: To teach the children the blessing of obedience

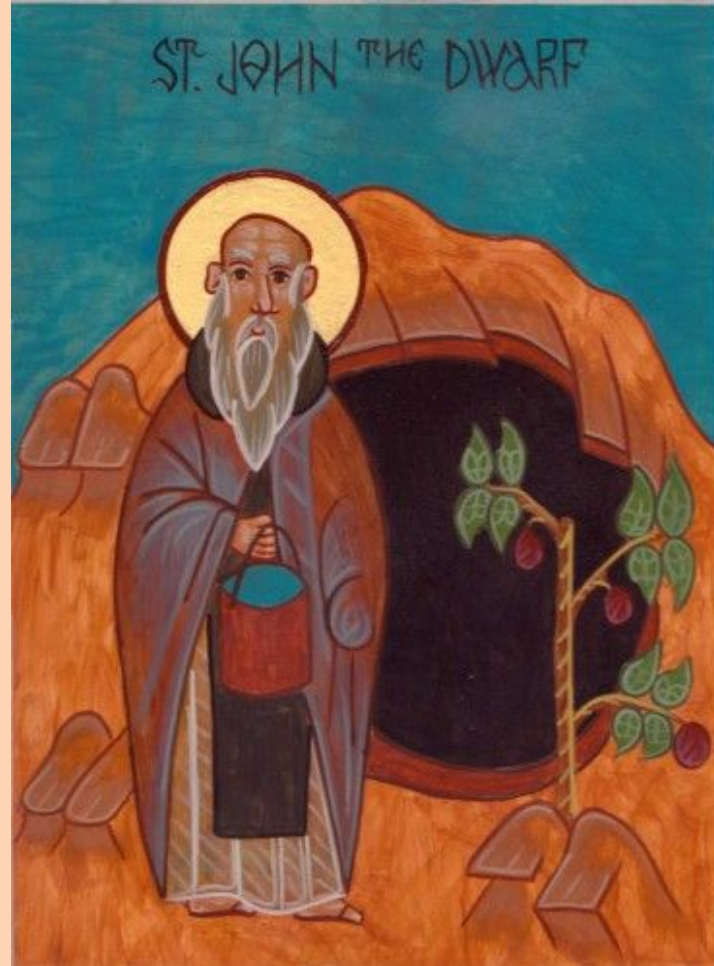


Memory Verse: “Children, obey your parents” (Colossians 3:20)



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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>