

Sunday School Grade 10

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 Obedience, St. John the Short

Lessons for the Month of October

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

- St. John the short was born in the Upper Egypt town of Tebsa. He was raised in the Christian faith.
- He went to live in the wilderness of Shiheet at the age of 18 years old.
- He lived with Abba Ammoes of Sakha. Abba Ammoes tested St. John's obedience many times.
- Abba Ammoes asked St. John to water a stick of wood. He did for 3 years and it brought forth fruit.
- St. John was blessed with the gift of knowing who is worthy to receive the Holy Communion.
- He departed in peace. The monks buried Abba John the Short. He has a monastery in the wilderness named after him.

Word Bank

- St. John the short



- Egypt



- Wilderness



- Obedience



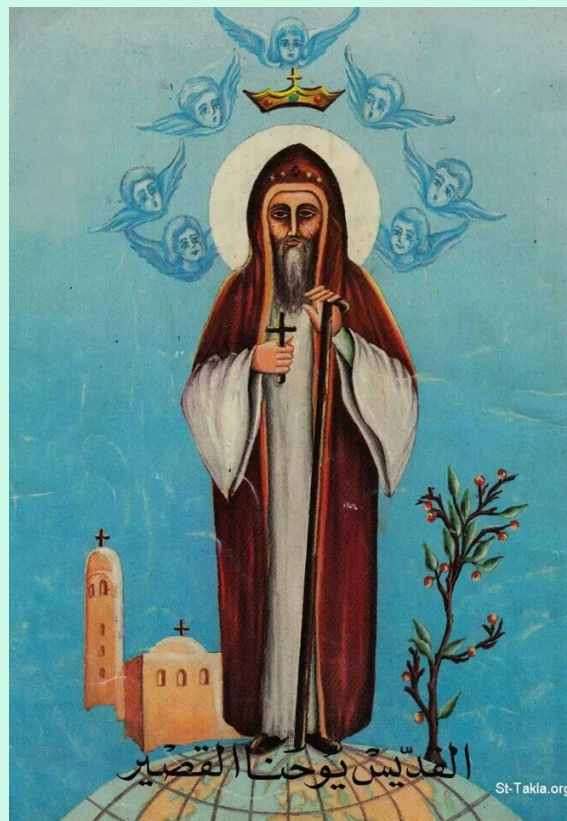
- Worthy



- Monastery



Objective: To learn the story of Abba John the Short. To analyze and assimilate his example of faith and obedience. To appreciate the blessings and fruits of obedience



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Memory Verse: “And Samuel said: Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Surely, to obey is better than sacrifice” (1 Samuel 15:22).



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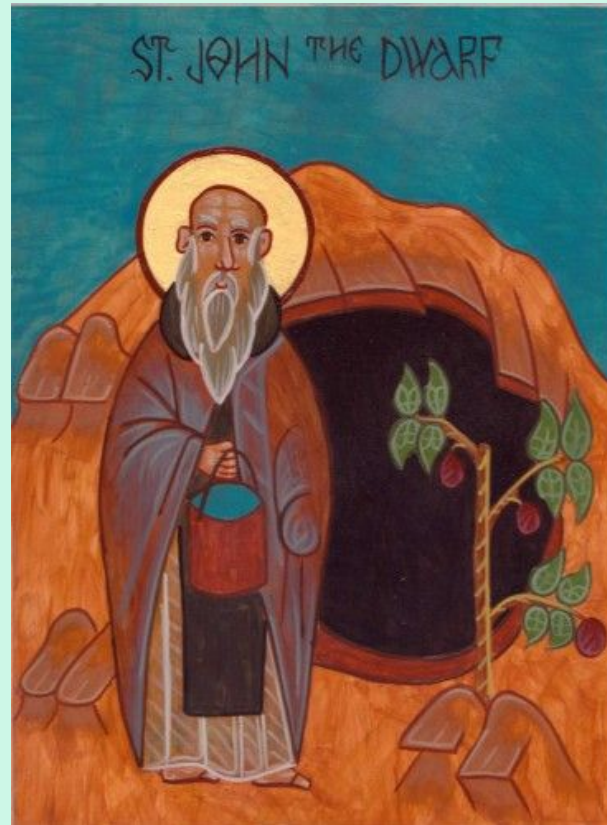


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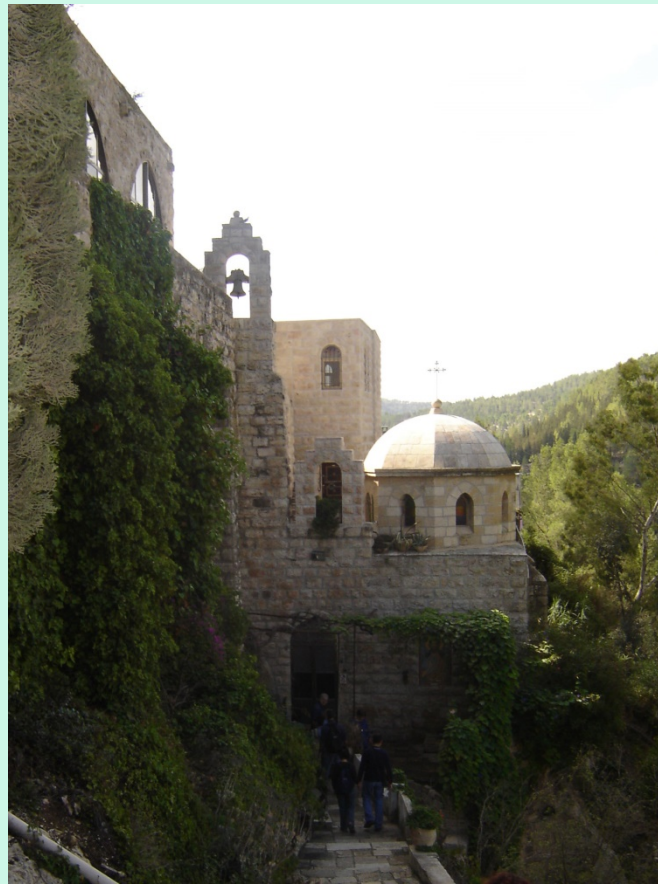
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- **Conclusion**

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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/Grade10.pdf>