

Sunday School Grade 11

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 Virgin in the Coptic Liturgy

Lessons for the Month of August

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**

- St. Mary is honored through the annual holy psalmody.
- In the evening and morning during the raising of incense. And the psalm of the canonical hours.
- During the Liturgy before the procession of the lamb. After the thanksgiving prayer.
- When raising the Pauline incense, before and after Acts reading.
- During the month of Kiahk. St. Mary is emphasized in the creed.
- During the prayer of reconciliation, commemoration and communion.

Word Bank

- St. Mary



- Incense



- Offering



- Raising



- Creed

THE ORTHODOX CREED

Truly we believe in one God; God the Father the Pantocrator; creator of heaven and earth, and all things seen and unseen.

We believe in on Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages; Light of light, true God of true God, Begotten not created; of one essence with the Father; by whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnated of the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

And He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered and was buried,

And on the third day He rose from the dead according to the Scriptures.

Ascended into heavens, and sits at the right hand of His Father, and He is coming again in His glory to judge the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

Yes, we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And in One, Holy, Catholic (universal) and apostolic Church. We confess one Baptism for the remission of sins.

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

Amen.

- Communion



Objective: To show the importance of St. Mary and her position in our Coptic Church. To understand how to praise St. Mary.



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Memory Verse: “For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed” (Luke 1:48).



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The Virgin in the Coptic Liturgy

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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/Grade11.pdf>