

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 Koiahk Praises

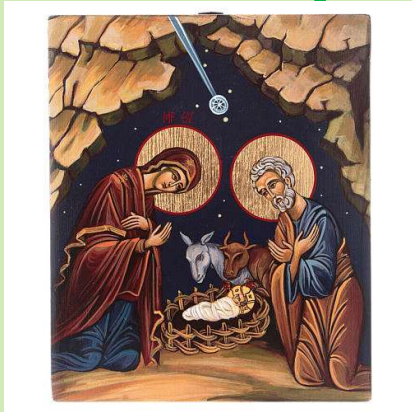
Lessons for the Month of December

• Lesson Outline: Week 1

- We celebrate the Nativity fast with special praises in the month of Koiahk. The virgin Mary is celebrated the whole month.
- Coptic singing is not ordinary. It is analogous to conversing with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- St. Mary is the first among all on earth and in heaven to become worthy of praise. We magnify her in the introduction of the Creed.
- The midnight praise consist of many parts. Praise for Moses, Thanksgiving, 3 saintly youth, the saints, continuous work in the church.
- Hymns are song for the Lord Christ along with the glorification of St. Mary.
- Use all the senses like raising of hands, heart and thoughts. Tunes should express the depth of the soul more than expressing words.

Word Bank

- **Nativity**



- **Coptic Singing**



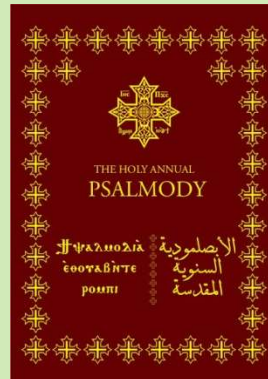
- **St. Mary**



- **Three Youth**



- **Hymns**



- **Praises**



Objective: Introduce the concept of praise. Give a quick idea about the parts of the midnight praises. Explain what happens in the praises of the month of Koiahk



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Memory Verse: “Praise God in all His saints” (Psalm 150:1).



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Koiahk

Praises

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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>