### 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 Friendship Lessons for the Month of December

#### Lesson Outline: Week 2

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- The bad friend may cause his friend to indulge in bad habits.
- Chose a friend whose behavior should be characterized by the spirit of holiness in talks and meetings.
- They should have self-control and be of sound judgment and good reputation.
- Friendship should be free from opportunism and selfishness.
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### **Word Bank**

Support



Encourage



Bad Habit



Characteristics



Sound Judgement



• Respect



Objective: Proper behavior in society: Distinguishes between your friends and when you choose the good one. Don't involve yourself in relationships that may lead to destruction.



Memory Verse: "He who loves purity of heart and has grace on his lips, the king will be his friend" (Proverbs 22:11).



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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