

Sunday School Grade 5 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 Incense

Lessons for Filler Lessons

- **Lesson Outline: # 2**

- The censer used by the priest refers to St. Mary womb.
- The burning incense refer to Jesus Christ the sweet smell. St. Mary carried the divine fire in her womb.
- The censer's dome and the three chains stand for the Holy Trinity.
- Incense spreads everywhere. The people see the image of Christ in the saints everywhere around them.
- Incense has been used in prayers in the Old Testament. God gave Aaron the authority to burn incense.
- Even in heaven Jesus is sitting on His throne. He is surrounded by twenty priests with censers.

Word Bank

- Incense



- Censer



- Smell



- Dome and Chains



- Spread



- Aaron



Objective: Emphasizing the ritual spirit in worship. Understanding the significance of rites since childhood so that the children may get used to worshipping with joy.



Memory Verse: “Let my prayer be set before You as incense” (Psalms 141:2)



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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/Grade05.pdf>