

# Sunday School Grade 5 A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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## **A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum**

- 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 St. Mary the Egyptian

## Lessons for Filler Lessons

- **Lesson Outline: # 3**

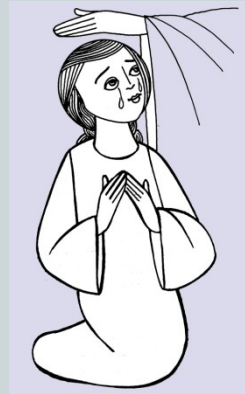
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- He saw a human shadow. It was a woman, St. Mary of Egypt. She asked for his cloak so she can cover up.
- She told him she left her home when she was 12 years old. She lived a life of sin until she was 28 years.
- She followed some worshiper to the church. There she repented and went to live by the Jordan river.
- There she received the Holy communion. She lived there off the land. She asked Zosimus to get communion on Holy Thursday. He did.
- She asked him to come back the following year. When he came back, she had departed. A lion came and dug her grave.

# Word Bank

- St. Mary of Egypt



- Repentance



- Cloak



- Jordan River



- Desert



- Lion



**Objective: A worldly life keeps us away from God. Repentance is the first step to get closer to God.**



**Memory Verse: “Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered” (Psalm 32:1)**



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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>