

Sunday School Grade 7

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 Epistle of St. James

Lessons for Filler Lessons

- **Lesson Outline: # 4**

- St. James was one of the apostles, and he was the first bishop of Jerusalem. He was Jesus' cousin.
- The theme of this epistle is the harmony of faith and works. How they relate to each other.
- St. James wants to instruct us on how to be true Christians.
- This epistle was written in elegant Greek. It is believed that it was written to Jew and gentiles.
- St. James was addressing people that were experiencing several trials.
- Such as persecution from Jews, deception, economic injustice and poverty, and divisions in the church.

Word Bank

- St. James



- Works



- Christians



- Written



- Trials



- Poverty



Objective: The objective of this lesson is to introduce the epistle of St. James to the students. To learn the characteristics of true faith.



Memory Verse: “Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath, for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God” (James 1:19-20)



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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/Grade07.pdf>