

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 How to Choose My Friends?

Lessons for Filler Lessons

- **Lesson Outline: # 5**
 - Man was created as a social being. He is in need of another person whom he trusts.
 - Show respect to your friend. Do not speak about weaknesses but endure them as God endures ours.
 - Share with him his happy occasions. And his sufferings and sorrows.
 - Do not say your confessions to him. Confessions should be said to the father of confession only.
 - Choose a friend with whom you feel spiritual, psychological, social and mental comfort.
 - You can win others by being a good listener. And give people a chance to talk about themselves.

Word Bank

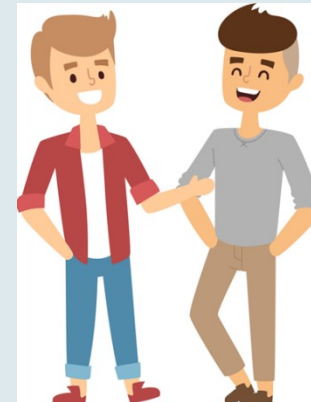
- Social



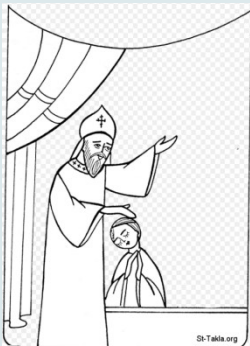
- Respect



- Share



- Confession



- Mental Comfort



- Listen



Objective: Bad company corrupts good manners. Showing the necessity of bearing witness to Christ in social life.



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**Memory Verse: “A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity”
(Proverbs 17:17)**



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How to Choose My Friends?

Lessons for Filler Lessons

- **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>