

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.

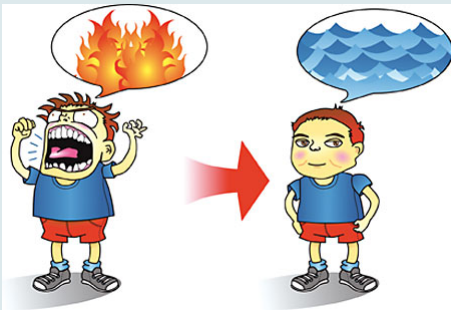
Preparation for The Sermon on the Mount (II)

Lessons for the Month of November

- **Lesson Outline: Week 2**
 - We should control our anger in the first step, if we cannot totally prevent it. When anger is expressed in words, it is a sin.
 - It can cause us to lose our brothers on earth for material things, even if they seem important.
 - Adultery is a three-step process: desire, enjoying and fulfilling. Our Lord Jesus Christ wanted to uproot this sin by preventing the first step, desire.
 - Swearing is a sin that many of us slip into and some people do it many time a day. It takes prayer and self-control to prevent the tongue from swearing.
 - To return evil with good is the highest level of Christian perfection. The believer would give more than required to win others to Christ.
 - The wide gate is the lust of the world. The narrow gate is for spiritual fighting like fasting and praying. We should build our souls on Jesus Christ, our rock. The devil can't demolish it.

Word Bank

- Anger



- Lose



- Desire



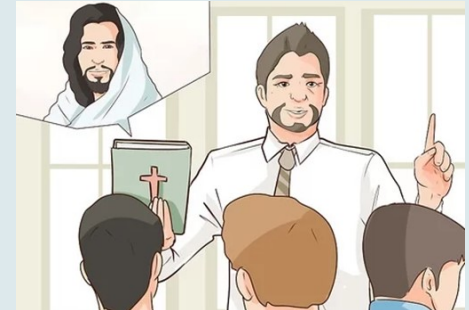
- Swearing



- Give



- Build



Objective: To learn the new laws of the New Testament era, the grace era.

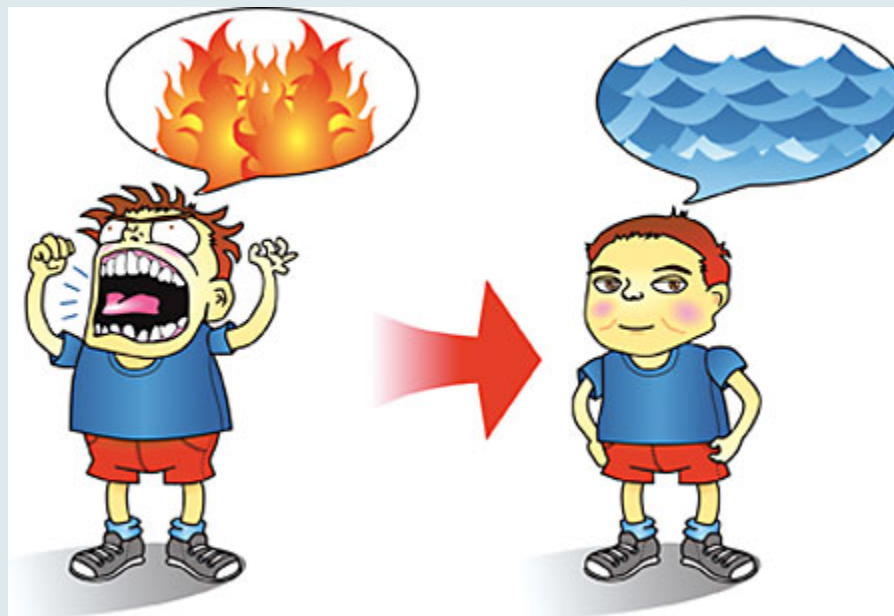


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Memory Verse: “But I say to you, do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is His footstool” (Matthew 5: 34,25)



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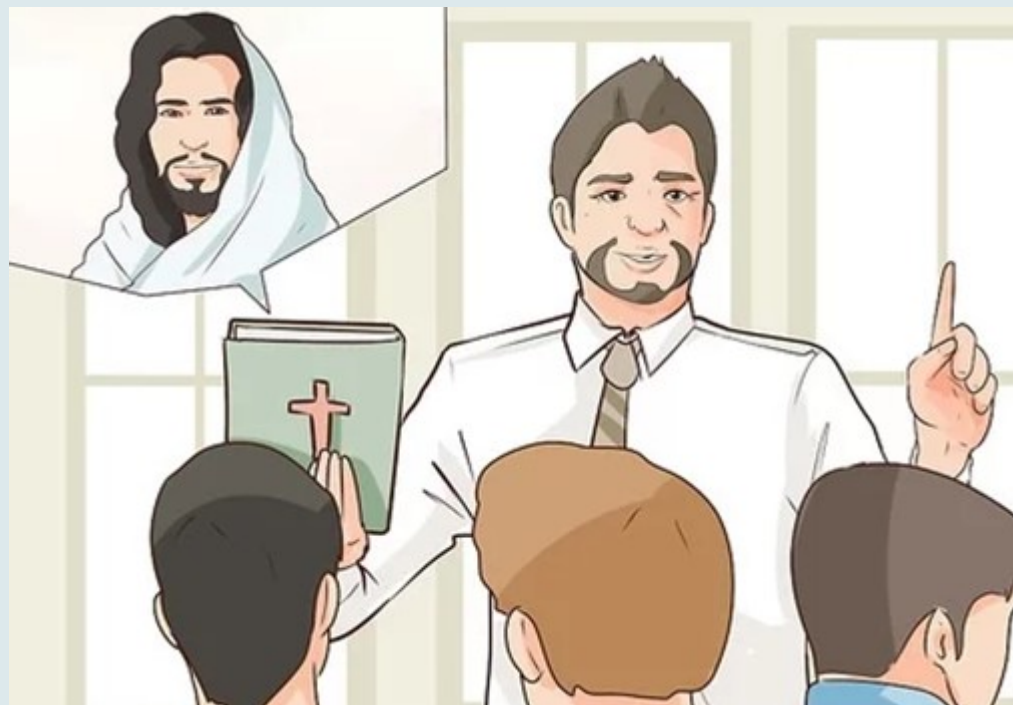
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- **Conclusion**
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- To God be the glory, forever, Amen.

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>