

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.

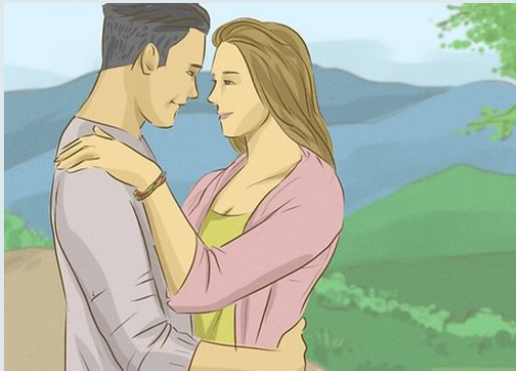
Preparation for Dating

Lessons for the Month of November

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**
 - Dating is an outing or a meeting between two persons from the opposite sex. It frequently leads to physical intimacy or even pre-marital sex.
 - Pre-occupation with the physical aspect of the opposite sex is a consequences of these relationships.
 - Many of our youth allow their thoughts to wonder freely in all kinds of sexual thoughts and dreams.
 - Fill your soul with the love of God and make Him your best friend to win the fight.
 - Dating in the Christian concept is demonstrated in some pre-marital love stories that were mentioned in the Bible. Like Jacob and Rachel.
 - Christian dating brings two souls, minds, and feelings closer to each other and to God. Physical intimacy is completely prevented in the pre-marital dating period.

Word Bank

- Non-Christian dating



- Pre-occupied



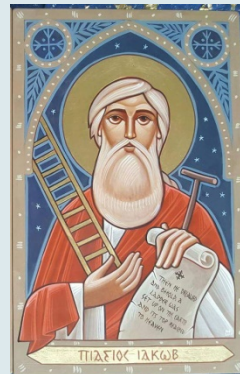
- Thoughts



- Fill your soul



- Jacob



- Christian dating



Objective: To clarify the meaning of dating. To know how to mix with the opposite sex in a Christian manner suitable for the sons and daughters of God. To demonstrate the correct timing and form of dating.

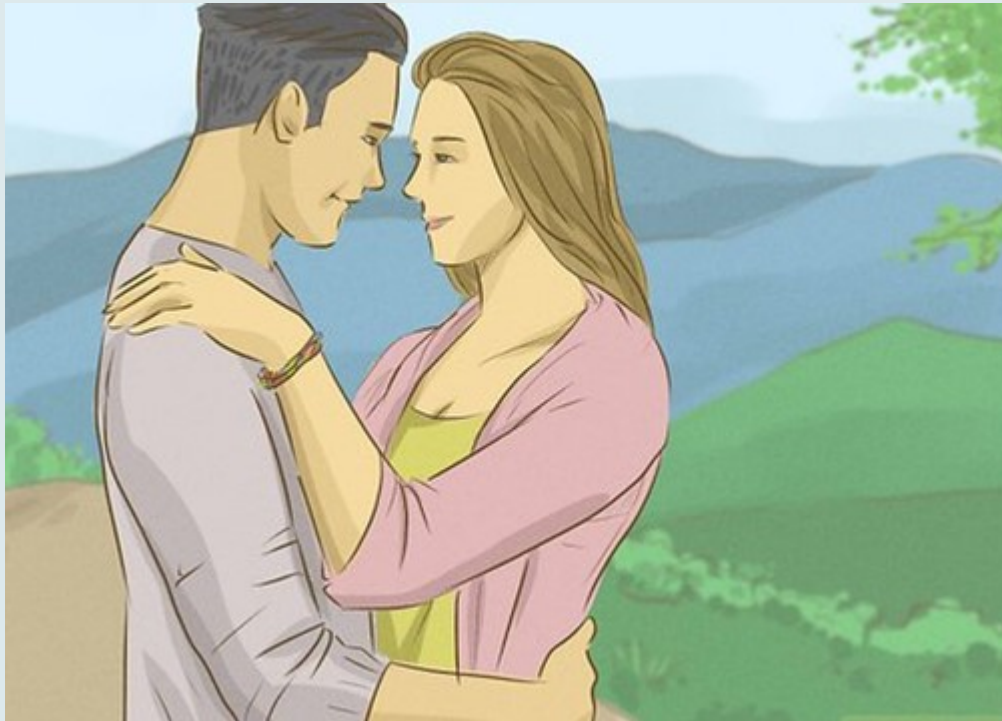


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Memory Verse: “Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart” (2 Timothy 2:22)



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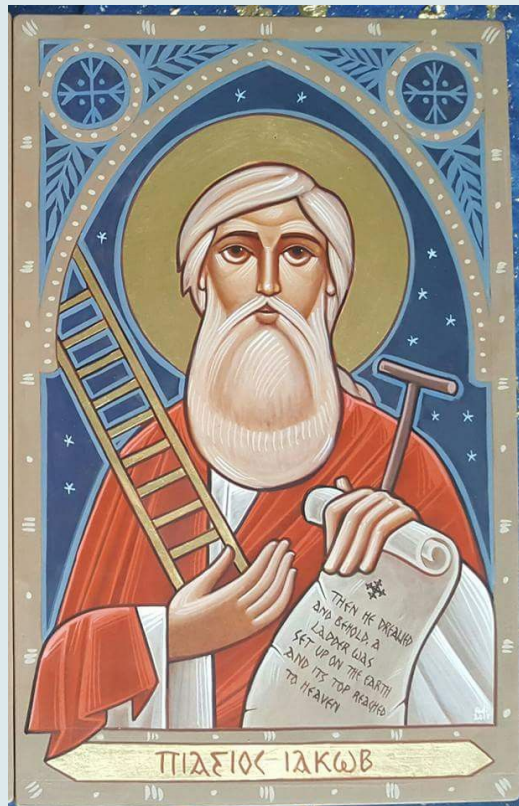


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- **Conclusion**

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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>