

# 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 Book of Esther

## Lessons for the Month of September

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**

- Esther found favor with King Ahasuerus after he deposed queen Vashti. Esther was Jewish.
- Queen Esther's uncle Mordecai refused to bow to Haman. Haman was the second highest officer after the king.
- Haman found out Mordecai is a Jew. He got a decree from the king to kill all the Jews on a certain day.
- Queen Esther told Mordecai to have all the Jews to fast and pray for three days.
- Queen Esther appeared before the king after fasting. She exposed Haman's intentions.
- Haman was executed. The king's issued another decree that saved the Jews. God loves us and takes care of us.

# Word Bank

- Queen Esther



- Mordecai



- King Ahasuerus



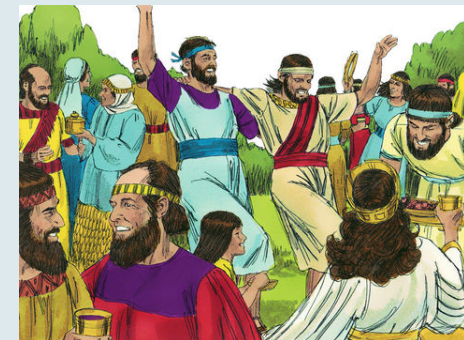
- Decree



- Haman



- Saved



**Objective: To study the book of Esther and know its theme and content. Learn from the courage of Esther. Learn that God always protects His people.**

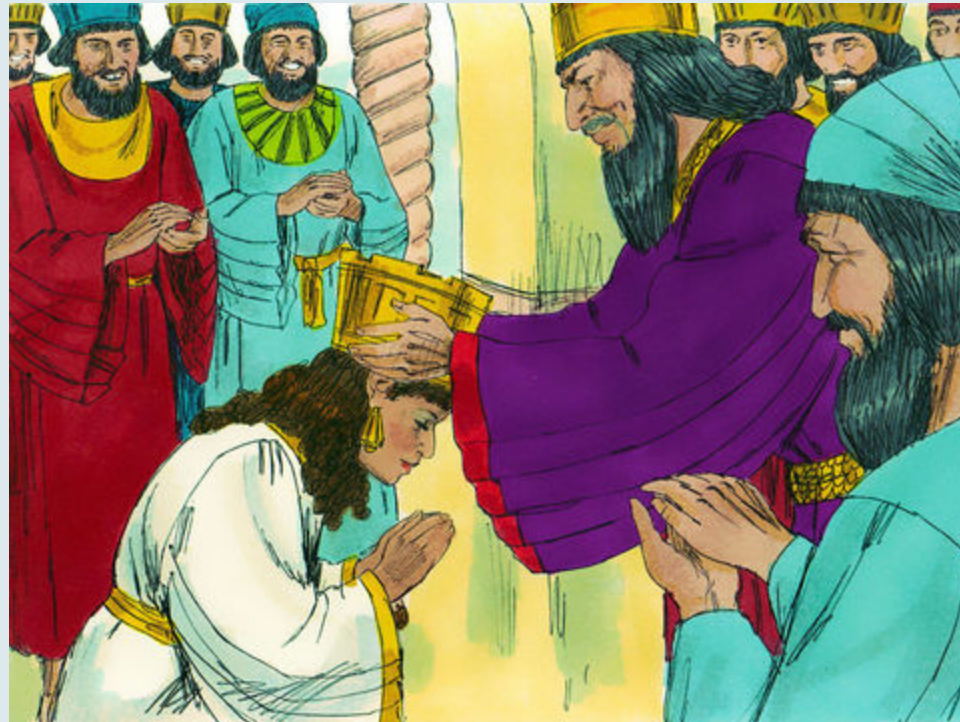




**Memory Verse: “Fast for me; neither eat or drink for three days, night and day” (Esther 4:16)**



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He got a decree from the king to kill all  
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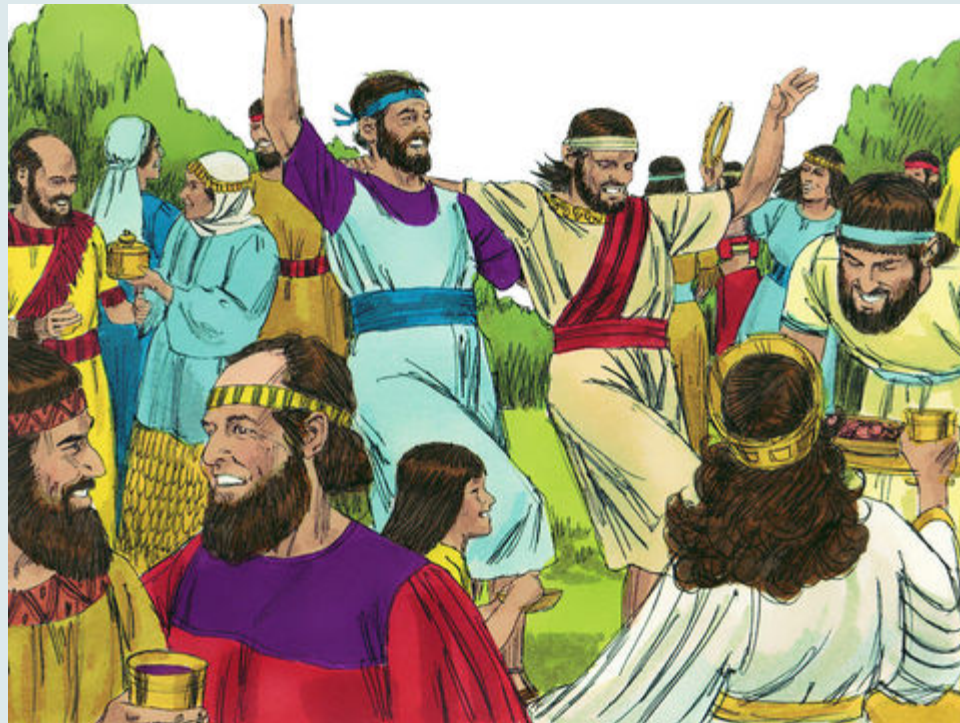


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# The Book of Esther

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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>