

Sunday School Grade 8 A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States

Under the Auspices of His Grace Bishop Youssef

Πατρισταρκοπος ηρεμνηνηι ηορθοδοζος ητε ηιθωψ ετζωτπ ετσαρης

Sunday School Grade 8

A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

- 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.

Sunday School Grade 8

A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

- 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 Symbols of the Virgin in the Old Testament

Lessons for the Month of August

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**

- Genesis 3:5 says salvation will come from a woman's seed. *"He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise his heel"*.
- Noah's dove refers to the beautiful dove that gave birth to Christ.
- Jacob's ladder that opened up the heaven. The burning bush seen by Moses was not harmed.
- The rod of Aaron the Virgin Mary's miraculous birth.
- The ark of covenant represent St. Mary's virginity. She is the gold jar of manna.
- The rock of Horeb where water flowed from it. She gave birth to Christ the living water. There are many more.

Word Bank

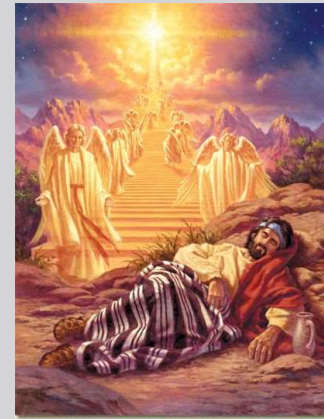
- St. Mary



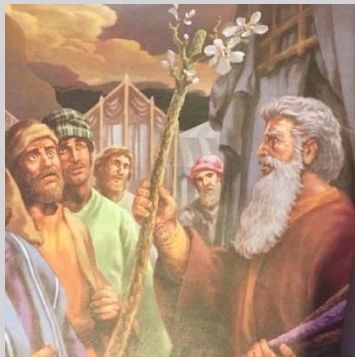
- Dove



- Ladder



- Aaron's rod



- Gold pot



- Rock of Horeb



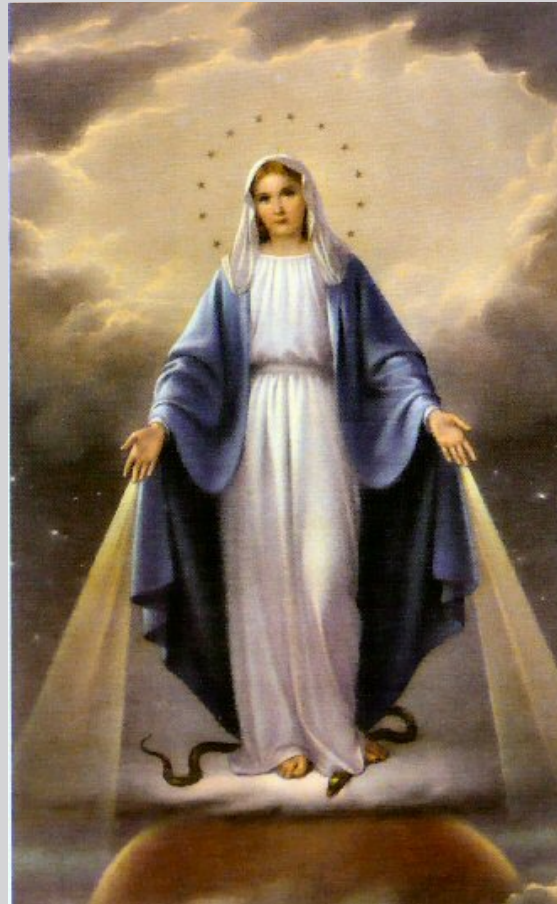
Objective: The value and importance of the Virgin in the church and in the Holy Bible.



Memory Verse: “Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Emanuel” (Isaiah 7:14).



Genesis 3:5 says salvation will come from a woman's seed. *"He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise his heel"*.



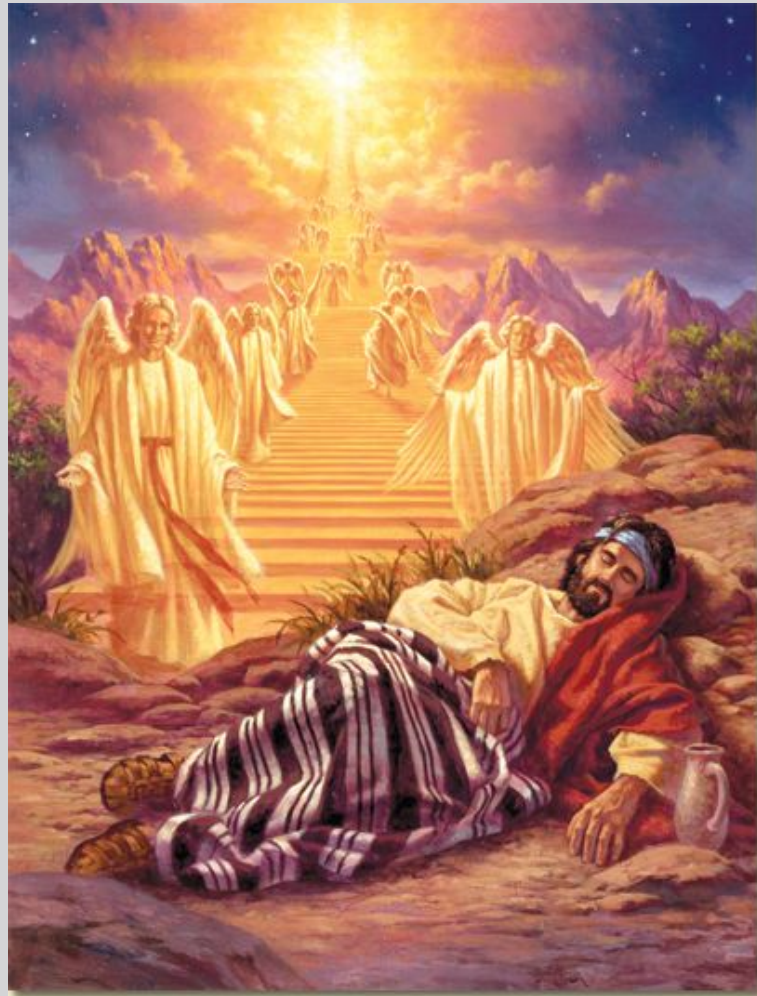
©2016 Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States, 501(c)3 organization

Noah's dove refers to the beautiful dove that gave birth to Christ.



©2016 Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States, 501(c)3 organization

**Jacob's ladder that opened up the heaven.
The burning bush seen by Moses was not
harmed.**



The rod of Aaron the Virgin Mary's miraculous birth.



©2016 Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States, 501(c)3 organization

The ark of covenant represent St. Mary's virginity. She is the gold jar of manna.



©2016 Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States, 501(c)3 organization

The rock of Horeb where water flowed from it. She gave birth to Christ the living water. There are many more.



The Symbols of the Virgin in the Old Testament

Lessons for the Month of August

- **Conclusion**
 - Genesis 3:5 says salvation will come from a woman's seed. *"He shall bruise your head and you shall bruise his heel"*.
 - Noah's dove refers to the beautiful dove that gave birth to Christ.
 - Jacob's ladder that opened up the heaven. The burning bush seen by Moses was not harmed.
 - The rod of Aaron the Virgin Mary's miraculous birth.
 - The ark of covenant represent St. Mary's virginity. She is the gold jar of manna.
 - The rock of Horeb where water flowed from it. She gave birth to Christ the living water. There are many more.
- 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/Grade08.pdf>