

Sunday School Grade 8 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 Explanation of the Orthodox Creed (One God)

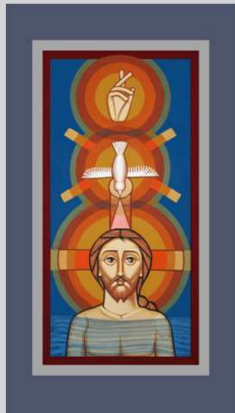
Lessons for the Month of December

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**

- The oneness of God has granted to us to be one with Him and one with each other. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit is One Self.
- God created the world by His intelligent mind, by His Son, by His Logic or by Wisdom. All of which mean the same.
- God and His Mind are the same Being. God, of necessity has to be with His Mind and Spirit a Trinity of Unity.
- Fire can be used as an analogy for the Holy Trinity for fire generates light and heat. Nevertheless, the flame, its light and its heat are one entity.
- The sun has been used as an analogy for the Holy Trinity in much the same way fire was used; the sun has ray and light.
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Word Bank

- Oneness



- Fire



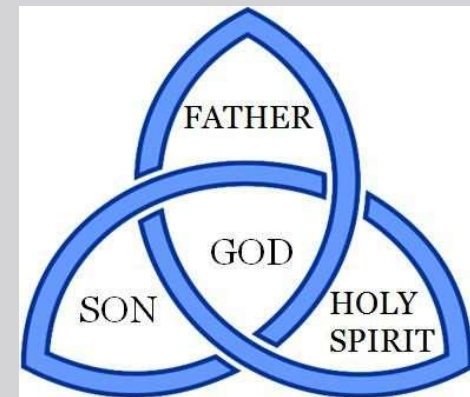
- All The Same



- Sun



- Same Being



- Light



Objective: Simplify the Unity (Oneness) of the Holy Trinity.



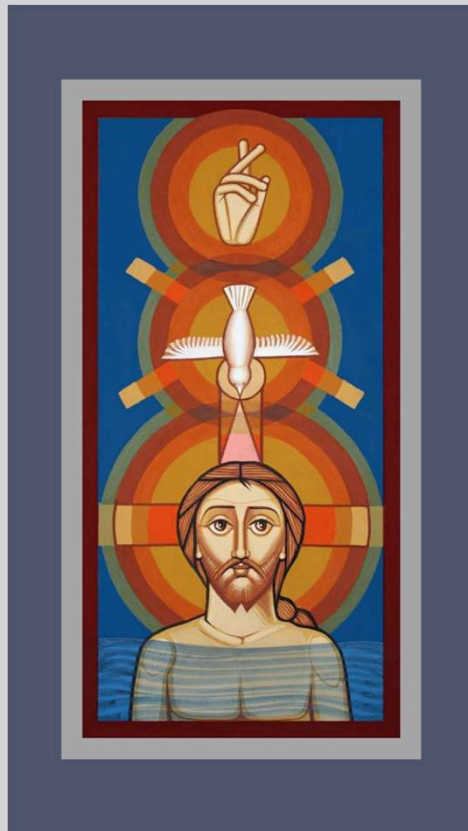
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Memory Verse: “The Lord our God is One” (Deuteronomy 6:4).



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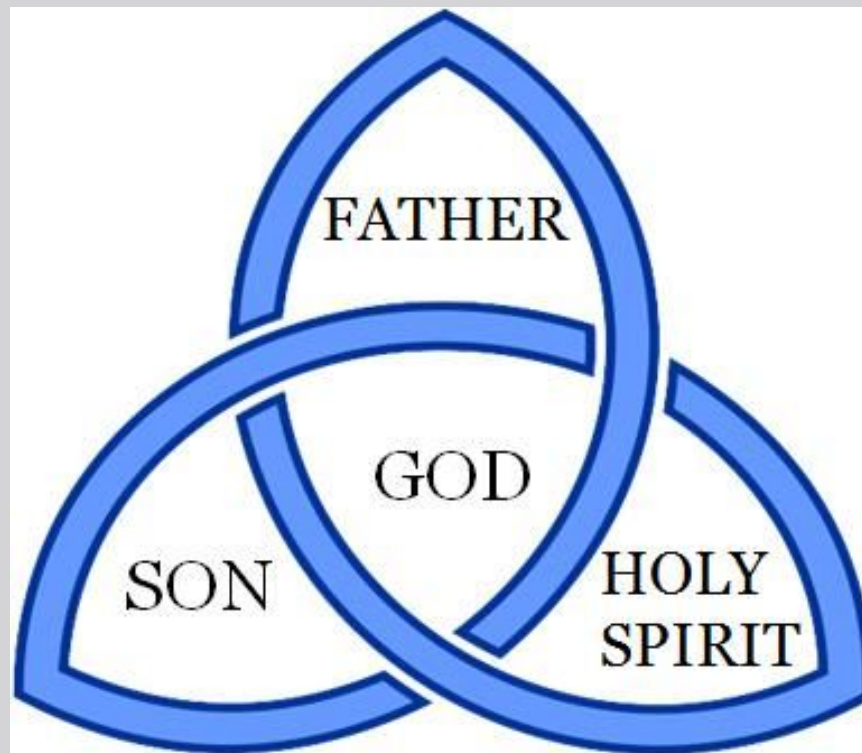


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Explanation of the Orthodox Creed (One God)

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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/Grade08.pdf>