

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, The Godhead of the Son

Lessons for the Month of December

- **Lesson Outline: Week 2**

- We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all ages.
- He is of the same nature and essence of the Father. God is Love. We knew love through His Son. There is no difference in Essence.
- As water flows out of a spring and runs through a canal but the water is one. The same is true of the Son begotten of the Father before all ages.
- He is one essence with the Father. “He was in the beginning with God; All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made” John 1:2-3.
- The Son is everlasting and not made. He took flesh of Virgin Mary and the Holy Spirit.
- We confess that redemption was fulfilled for our salvation. We also confess the Second coming for judgment and kingdom.

Word Bank

- Begotten Son



- God is Love



- Canal



- One Essence



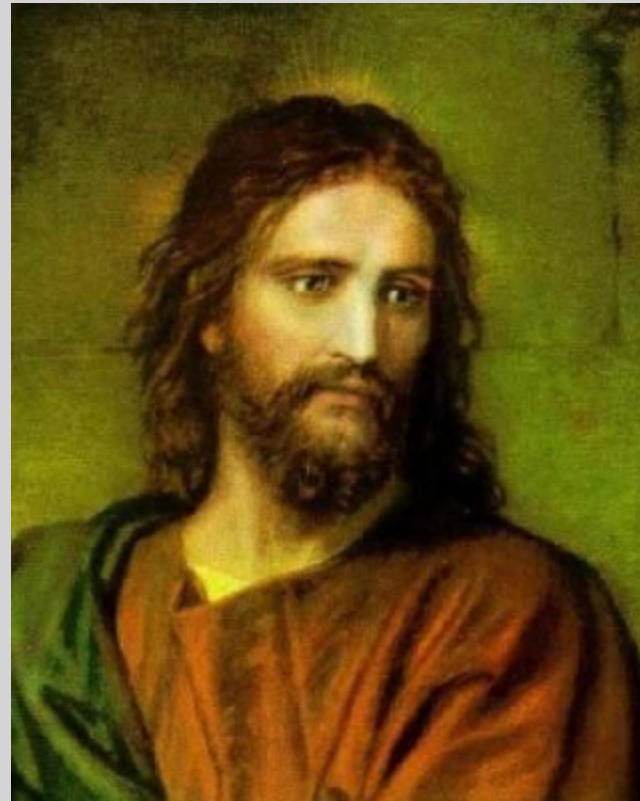
- Took Flesh



- Judgement



Objective: Understand the Godhead of Christ and His works.



Memory Verse: “Of his kingdom there will be no end” (Luke 1:33).



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Explanation of the Orthodox Creed, The Godhead of the Son

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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>