

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 Life of Circumspection

Lessons for the Month of November

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**

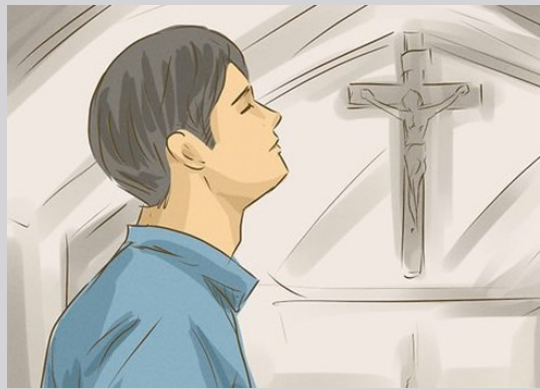
- Circumspection means resisting sins even the small ones. It needs to be practiced in our day-to-day life.
- Suspicion – Someone who no matter what, does not forgive themselves for their sin. Once we confess our sins to our spiritual father they are forgiven.
- Phariseeism – Is someone who does things as a ritual. They ignore the right things that please God. We perform our deeds to glorify God the Father who art in heaven.
- We should not lie, revile, talk silly or foul talk, swear or say careless words.
- Thoughts – Resist evil looks, as they are the material on which the mind feeds.
- We can cause others to stumble when they notice that we are double-faced.

Word Bank

- Faithful



- Practice



- Forgiven



- Pharaseeism



- Revile



- Thoughts



Objective: Being faithful to God in word and deed, in small matters before the big ones.

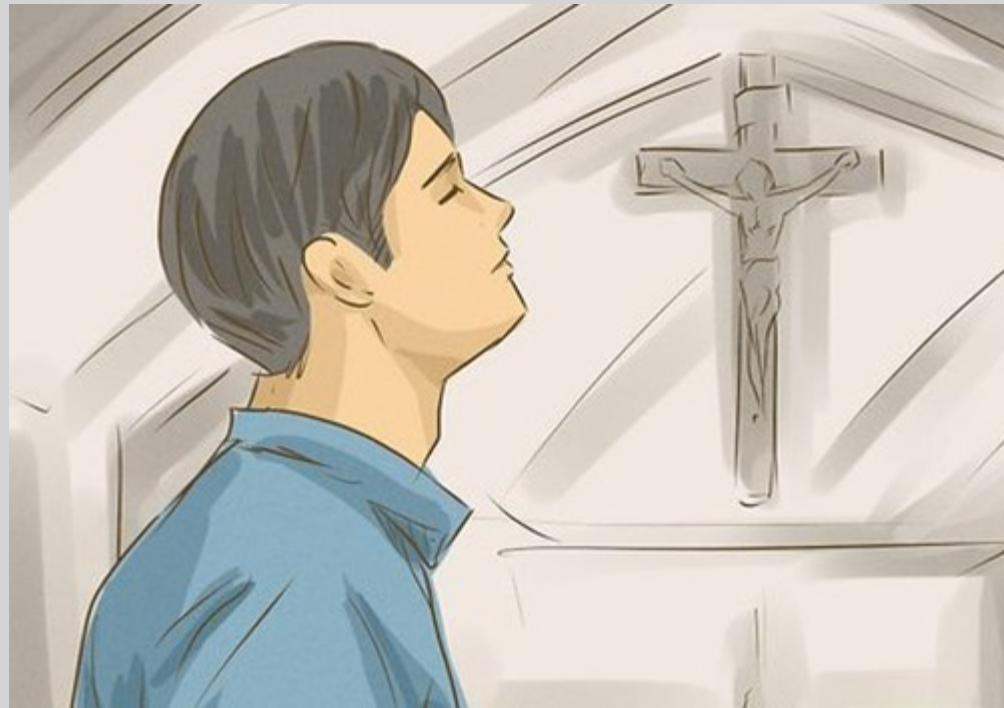


Memory Verse: “Take thought for what is noble in the sight of all” (Roman 12:17).



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Life of Circumspection

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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>