

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 The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist (II)

Lessons for the Month of October

• Lesson Outline: Week 2

- The church spent most of her time singing hymns and raising prayers. This prepares the souls to receive the sacraments.
- The day before liturgy, the church prepares by praying, reading the Bible, singing psalms and hymns.
- St. John writes in Revelation about hymns and praises practiced in heaven. The church arranged that the prayers of the liturgy should be filled with spiritual hymns.
- Jesus gave thanks at the last supper when He broke the bread. That is why it is called the sacrament of thanksgiving.
- We are not worthy of becoming servants of God. The Lord made us His beloved children.
- Christ gave the believers the right to partake of His holy Body and Blood. This rich grace is the greatest gift granted to man by God.

Word Bank

- Readings



- Hymns



- Praises



- Broke



- Worthy



- Partake



Objective: Concentrating on hymns as a preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist.



Memory Verse: “He who eats this bread will live for ever” (John 6:58).



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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>