

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 Peer Pressure

Lessons for the Month of October

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**

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- Since Christians do not belong to the world, they will always feel peer pressure in their life.
- We are expected to be perfect. The Lord said "Be perfect just as your Father in heaven is perfect".
- St. Mary kept her purity while raised in Nazareth. The worst city then Sodom and Gomorrah to grow up in.
- St. Mary grew up in the protection of the Temple. So we can be protected growing up in the church.
- Joseph is another example. He would not commit sin with Potiphar's wife. He said "how can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God".

Word Bank

- Peer Pressure



- Wolves



- Perfect



- St. Mary
- Joseph the Patriarch



- Church



Objective: Peer Pressure: How to avoid it and combat it.



Memory Verse: “In the world you will have tribulations, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world (John 16:33).”



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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>