

# 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 Types of Martyrs

## Lessons for the Month of September

- **Lesson Outline: Week 2**

- Martyrs for keeping the faith – example St. George, St. Mina, St. Philopateer Mercurius
- Their were not moved. They were threatened, enticed with worldly goods and high positions.
- They were tortured. They would not deny Christ their savior.
- Martyr for the faith – example Pope Discorus
- These martyrs ensured to keep the true faith during heresies. They were beaten and tortured.
- Martyrs for chastity – St. Perpetua. She wanted to stay pure and not defile her body with pleasures of the flesh.

# Word Bank

- Martyrs



- St. George



- St. Philopateer



- Faith



- Pope Discorus



- St. Perpetua



# Objective: Understanding the motives for Martyrdom in Christianity.



**Memory Verse: “Of whom the world was not worthy. They wondered about in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth” (Hebrews 11:38).**



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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>