

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 Carrier of Icons (Iconostasis)

Lessons for the Month of September

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

- The Sanctuary represents Heaven and contains the Altar, the dome, the steps and the Eastern wall.
- The Sanctuary is separated from the church by an iconostasis (carrier of the icons). The Icons have a specific order as they are placed on the iconostasis.
- On the right side: Christ, John the Baptist, the Saint of the church. On the left side: The Theotokos (Mother of God), the Annunciation (of Christ's birth), Archangel Michael, St. Mark.
- Above: The Last supper, surrounded by the 12 disciples. Above them is Christ crucified, with St. Mary at His right and St. John at His left.
- Ostrich eggs are suspended in between them. Lighted oil lamps are hung in front of all the icons, except Christ
- Around the nave of the church, the rest of the icons are placed in a specific order.

Word Bank

- Altar



- Iconostasis



- Right Side



- Left Side



- Ostrich Egg



- Nave



Objective: To learn about the beauty of the church, and understand the wonderful meanings hidden behind all its symbolic parts.



Memory Verse: “I was glad when they said to me: let us go into the house of the Lord” (Psalm 122:1).



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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>