

# Sunday School Grade 9

## A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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- The A.G.A.P.E. 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 Ten Commandments - Sixth: You Shall Not Murder Lessons for the Month of November

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**

- There are two types of direct murder: Individual murder or group murder (war).
- Indirect murder: any means that kills the fetus (embryo) in the womb, abortion and castration.
- Killing the soul is more dangerous than killing the body. It means separating the soul from God, which is what Satan's plan.
- Suicide is a crime of murder, as people do not own their souls. The soul is the possession of Christ as He bought that soul by His blood.
- In the Old Testament the Lord allowed the people of Israel to fight. Sometimes the wars were called wars for the Lord. Like the days of Gideon.
- The Lord demands that I should bear people no grudge. Nor should I be angry with anyone so that I may not be a murderer.

# Word Bank

- War



- Fetus



- Soul Killing



- His Blood



- Gideon



- No grudge



**Objective: To introduce the students to the godliness of the heart and its purity of every hate.**



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**Memory Verse: “You shall not murder”  
(Exodus 20:13)**



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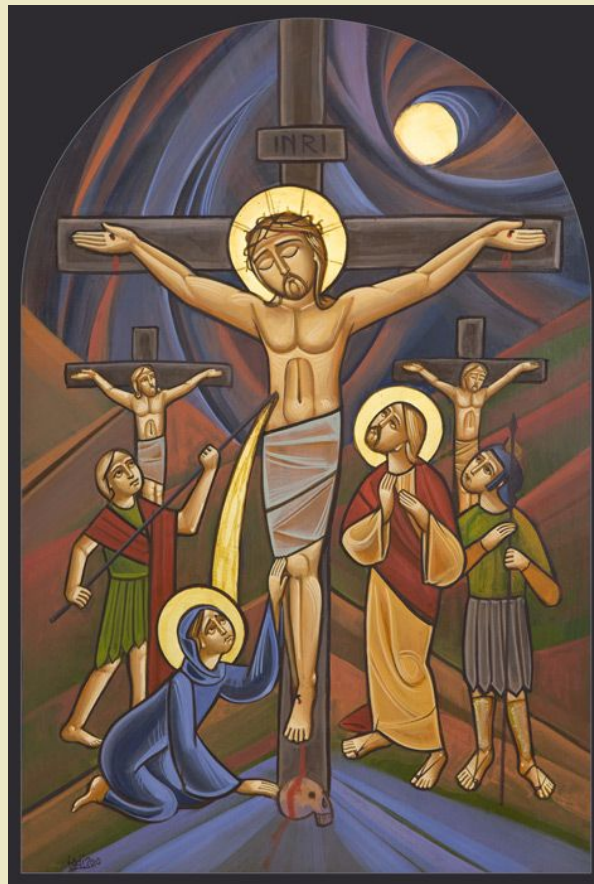


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# The Ten Commandments - Sixth: You Shall Not Murder

## Lessons for the Month of November

- **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/Grade09.pdf>