

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 Our Bodies Are For the Lord

Lessons for the Month of November

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

- The body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit. We are one with Christ through the mystery of confirmation.
- Through baptism and chrismation, in the body dwell the Divine light and the new life.
- There are no pure organs and defiled members in Christianity. God would not create a temple with a defiled part.
- The flesh was not granted for enjoyment and selfishness. It is granted to be given and consumed for others.
- Do not be conformed to this world. Renewing the mind is achieved through repentance, true confession and by examining the soul.
- We should keep our bodies clean and suitable residence for the Holy Spirit. We should keep our bodies from ungodly practices and from the lust of the world.

Word Bank

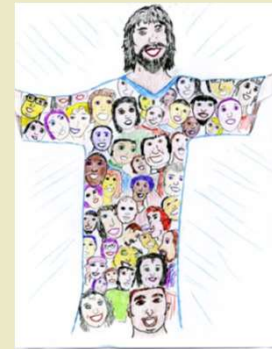
- Dignity



- New Life



- Pure Members



- For others



- Examine the Soul



- Clean and Suitable



Objective: The Christians attitude towards the dignity of the body and the necessity of its sanctification.



Memory Verse: “Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God and you are not your own” (1 Corinthians 6:19)



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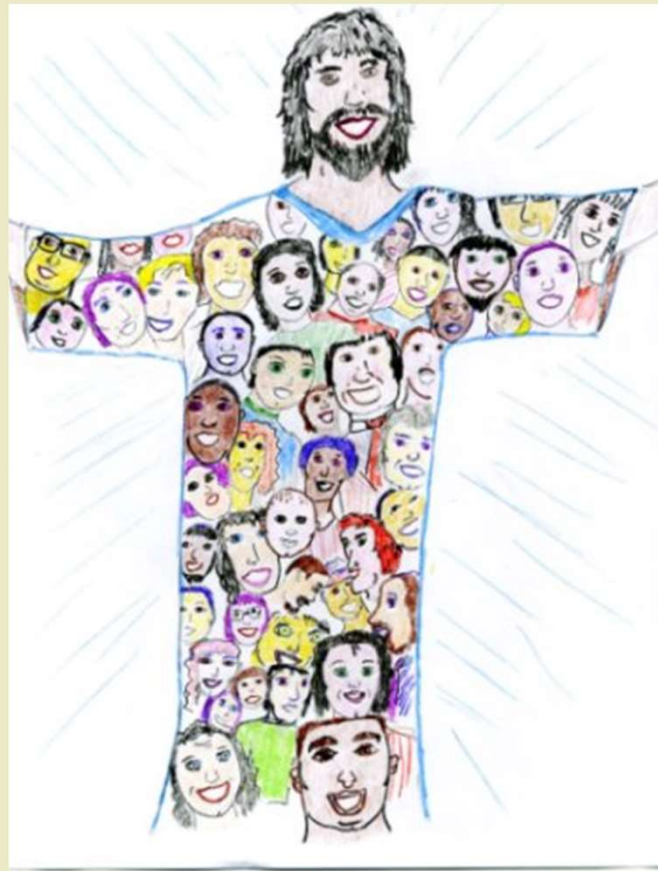


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- **Conclusion**

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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/Grade09.pdf>