

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 Holy Cross

Lessons for the Month of September

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**

- Crucifixion was viewed as shameful. Now the cross is a sign of victory, salvation, strength and peace.
- We make the sign of cross as part of our faith. We believe in the power of the Cross.
- In 326D St. Helen found the Holy Cross and the other two under a garbage pile outside of the Jerusalem. A miracle showed her which one was Christ's.
- In 312AD Emperor Constantine saw the sign of the cross in the sky with the words "By this sign you will conquer".
- The sign of the cross appeared in 351AD around 9am In the sky of Jerusalem. It covered about a 2 mile area for several hours. It was brighter than the sun.
- The sign of the cross to institute the church rites: chrismation, confession, communion, unction of the sick, marriage, ordination.

Word Bank

- Crucifixion



- Sign of the Cross



- St. Helena



- Emperor Constantine



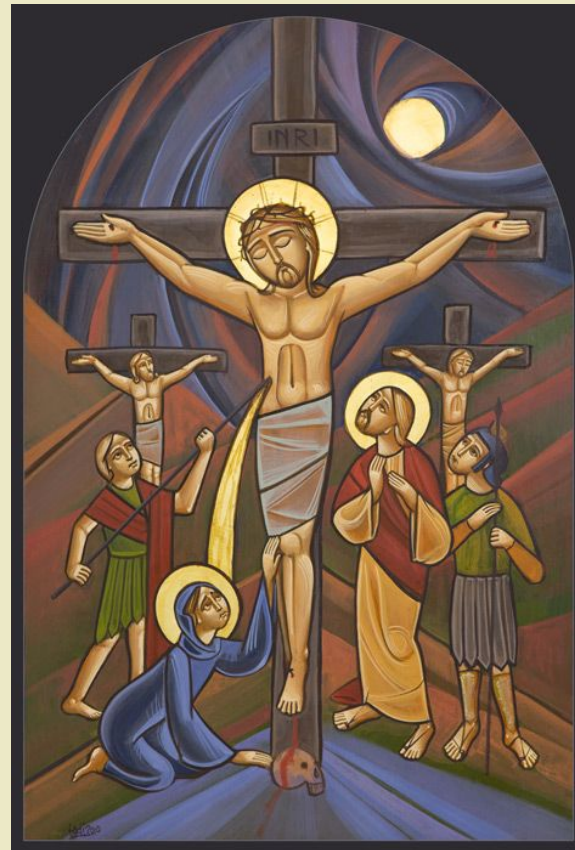
- Cross in the Sky



- Unction of the sick



Objective: To know why the cross is considered the emblem of Christianity. The effectiveness of the cross in our life.



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Memory Verse: “For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God” (1Corinthians 1:18).



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The Holy Cross

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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>