

Sunday School Grade 10

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 Substance Abuse (Smoking, Alcohol, Drugs)

Lessons for Filler Lessons

- **Lesson Outline: #1**

- Emptiness is one of the causes of addiction. It may be due to intellectual, social or physical emptiness.
- Other causes are low self-esteem. The absence of a good example or an ideal model.
- The Feeling of Anxiety Because of Anticipated Future Difficulties.
- We are God's holy temple. Drug addiction destroys it. A person who is enslaved by addiction will turn away from God.
- Drug addiction leads to the feeling of defeat and loss. It hinders a person's repentance. Loss of self-control.
- Drug addiction deprives the person of both the kingdom of God and the eternal crown.

Word Bank

- **Addiction**



- **Emptiness**



- **Low Self-esteem**



- **Anxiety**



- **Enslave**



- **Defeat**



Objective: To understand the motives and conditions that lead to substance abuse. Learn to avoid the situations that may lead to substance abuse. Understand the spiritual and physical consequences of substance abuse.



Memory Verse: “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” (1Corinthians 3:16)



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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/Grade10.pdf>