

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 Peace in Christianity

Lessons for Filler Lessons

- **Lesson Outline: # 7**

- Peace is inner contentment and joy regardless of our circumstances. To have peace, we must be satisfied with what we have.
- We must trust God. He is in control always. It is God's will. All things God does are for our good.
- It is very easy to look at the problems around us. St. Paul said "Be anxious for nothing...".
- Praising God takes our mind off of what it is we are seeking. God wants us to see that He as already provided so much for us.
- Having peace is to have a right relationship with God. Peace will come naturally as a result.
- True inner peace is to attain peace with others including friends and enemies. God desires a relationship with us.

Word Bank

- Contentment



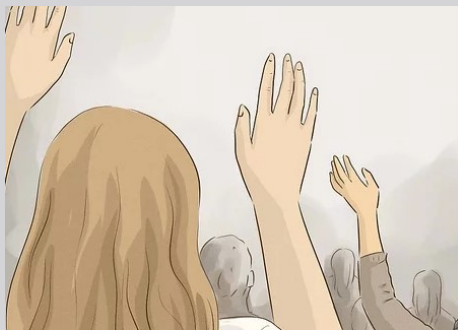
- Trust God



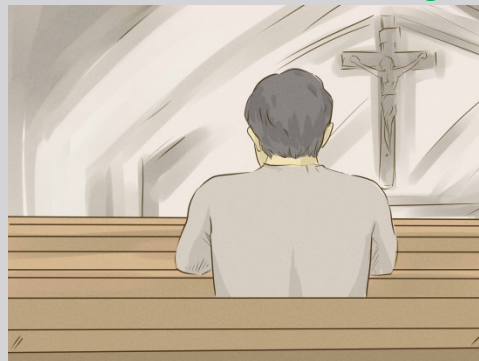
- Anxious



- Praising



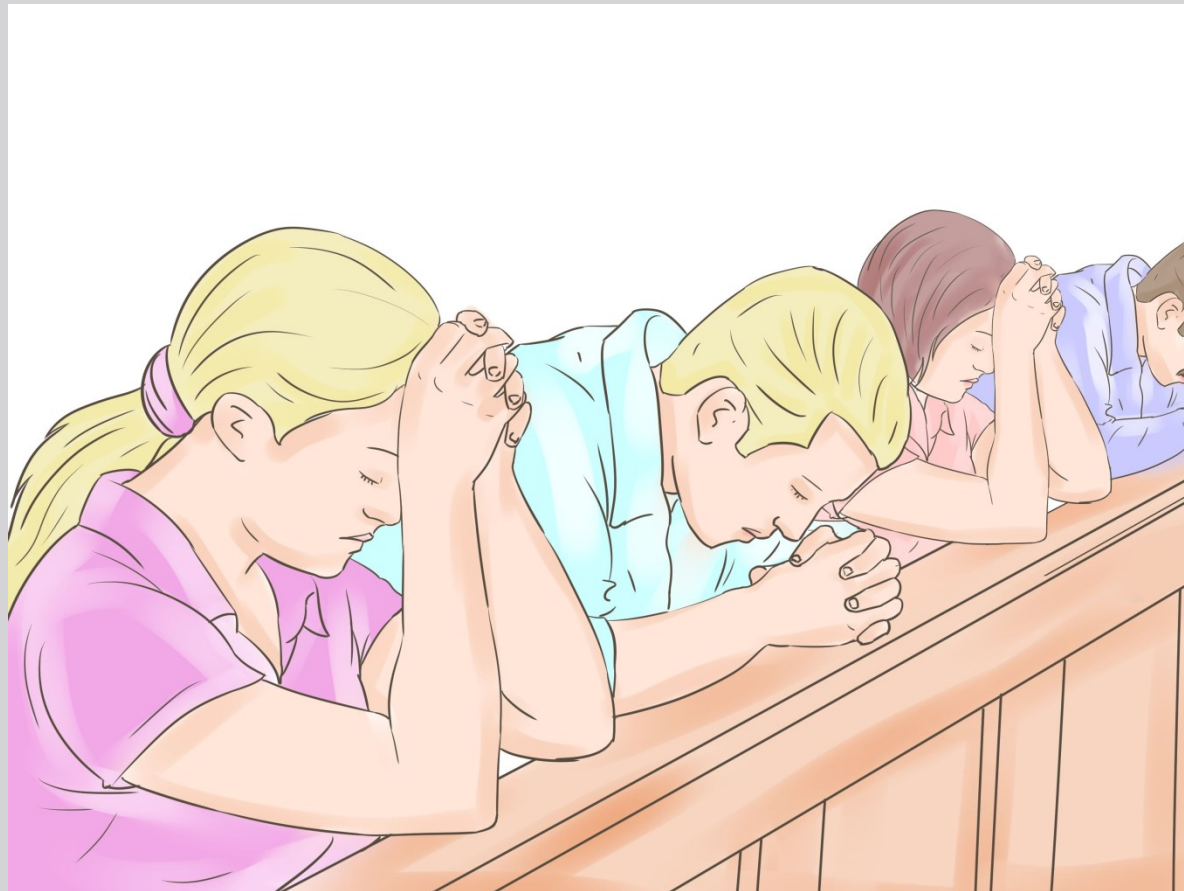
- Relationship



- Inner Peace



Objective: How to have peace in all circumstances. To have peace with others.



Memory Verse: “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).



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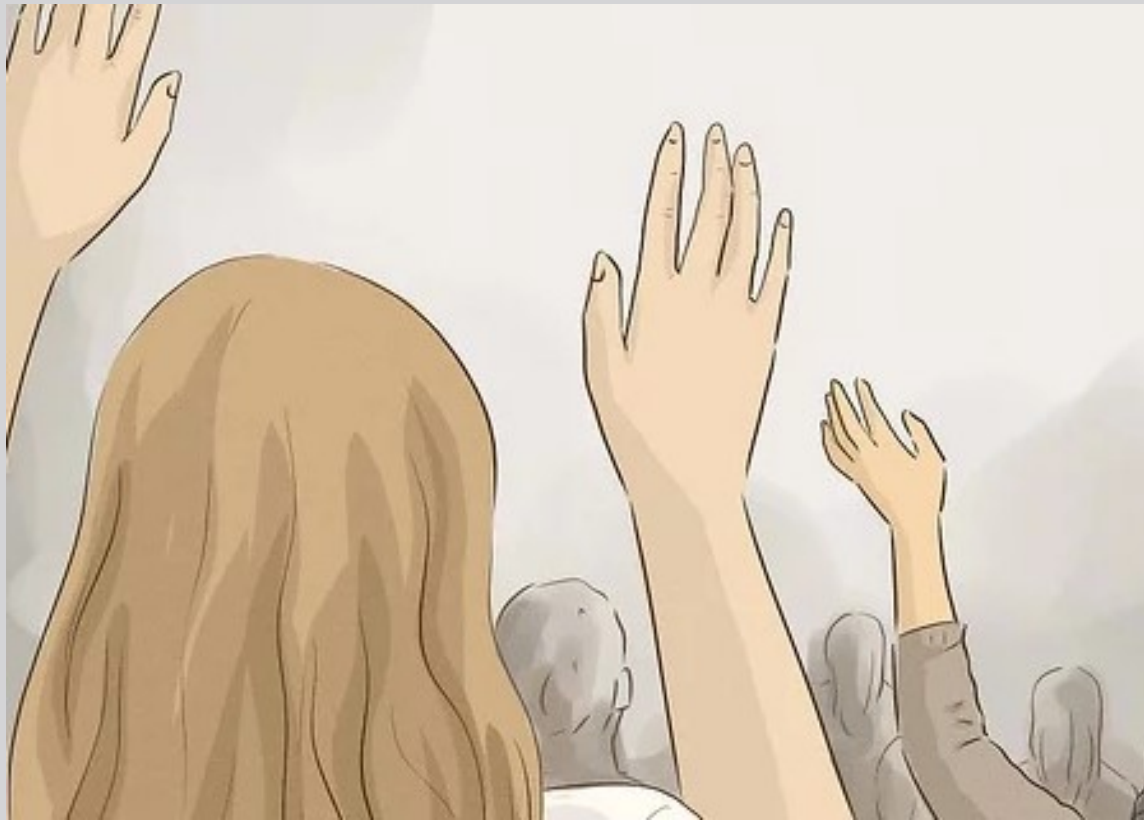
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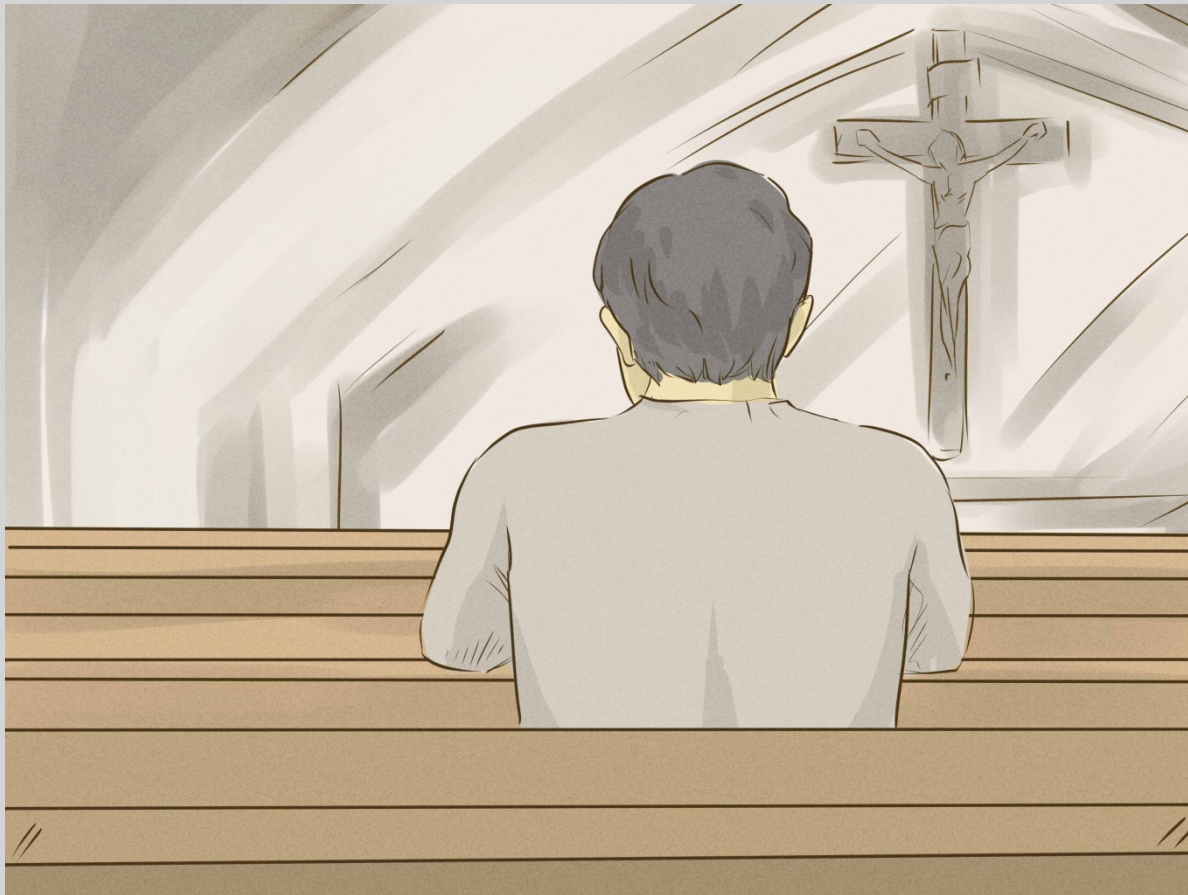
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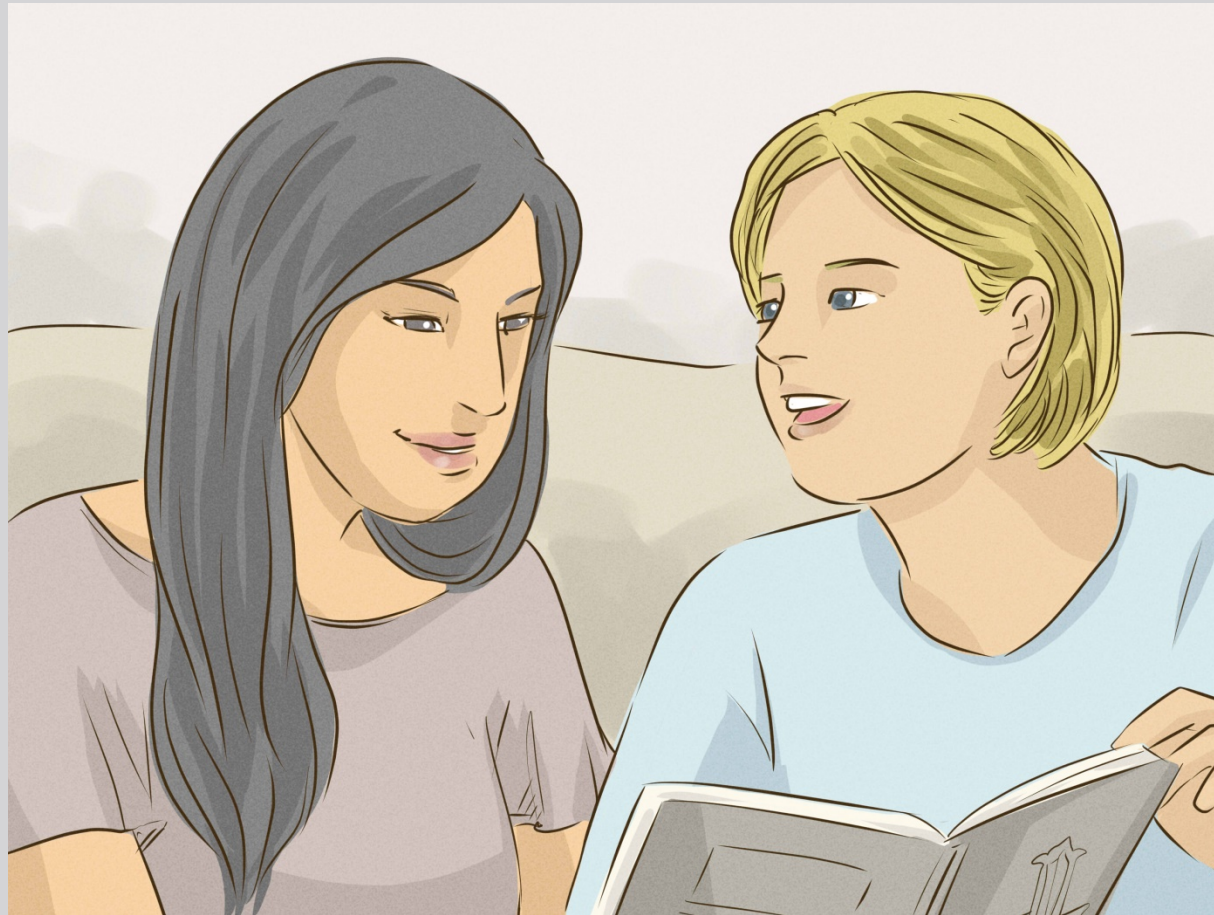
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- **Conclusion**
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- To God be the glory, forever, Amen.

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/Grade08.pdf>