



COPTIC ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES
SUNDAY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

8th Grade
Year 9 UK



Customised Children of Light curriculum

Secondary school years

2021- 2022

[Children of Light Curriculum – Sunday School General Curriculum \(suscopts.org\)](http://suscopts.org)

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In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, Amen.

Congratulations for the start of the New Coptic Year, 1738 AM, and the start of your new year of service. It is a blessing and a privilege for all of us to be serving our Lord and His church, through serving His children.

The Coptic Orthodox Diocese of London has opted to use the new Children of Light curriculum of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States, with amendment to suit our children & society. A committee commissioned by His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos and the Clergy Council have worked for several months to prepare this curriculum.

The actual curriculum, the building blocks and lesson plans are on the website of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States and can be reached through the link above. Please note: For primary school years the Children of Light curriculum is complete, but for secondary school years it is still a work in progress and the completion date is set for September 2022. Therefore, for this year, you are expected to prepare the lessons based on the lesson plan available on the website.

We strongly advise everyone to read the introduction and the text explaining the background for the building blocks for the age group you are serving and watch the introductory video.

Do consult with your service coordinator and those who serve with you and use Coptic Orthodox references. The Coptic Orthodox Diocese of the Southern United States will be adding updates to the lessons, changing or modifying them, and it might be useful for you to subscribe to receive these updates regularly.

Please remember that as a servant of the Coptic Orthodox church, you are expected to represent the church and her opinion/understanding on each topic. You must refrain from expressing your own personal opinion.

We pray you enjoy serving your spiritual children this year and we pray that you benefit spiritually as well. Thank you for your faithfulness, dedication, and love that you serve with.

God bless you.

Remember the service in your prayers.

Timetable for Year 9 (Grade 8) Curriculum.

Weeks from 1st August to 5th September are left out to cover the Coptic Festival Curriculum.

Date	Lesson Title
19th September 2021	1.1: Have you chosen to be a Christian?
26th September 2021	3.1: It Begins by Knowing Who You Are to God
3rd October 2021	3.2: Praying and Reading Scripture
10th October 2021	3.3: Being an Active Member of the Body of Christ the Church
17th October 2021	3.4: Present Your Body a Living Sacrifice, Romans 12:1, St Macarius
24th October 2021	9.1: Why Live as a True Christian? Titus 2
31st November 2021	9.2: Purpose: Why on earth am I here?
7th November 2021	9.3: Hearing the Voice of God; Elijah flees and hears God
14th November 2021	9.5: God is the Source of Pleasure
21st November 2021	9.6: How to handle relationships with non-Christians
28th November 2021	4.1: The Role of Faith in Believing and Accepting the Truth of the Biblical Texts
5th December 2021	4.2: The Development of the Canons of the Old and New Testaments
12th December 2021	4.4: Identify Uses of Scripture in the Services of the Church
19th December 2021	4.5: The Sacraments in Scripture
26th December 2021	2.3: Can We Trust the Bible?
2nd January 2022	Nativity (<i>Pre-Feast Lesson</i>)
9th January 2022	2.1: Who Is Jesus?
16th January 2022	Epiphany (<i>Pre-Feast Lesson</i>)
23rd January 2022	8.1: Brief History of the Establishment of the Church by St. Mark
30th January 2022	8.2: Statement of Faith: The Nicene Creed
6th February 2022	8.3: The School of Alexandria
13th February 2022	8.4: The Three Ecumenical Councils
20st February 2022	8.5: Church Monasticism
27th February 2022	8.6: Church Shapes & Iconography
6th March 2022	8.7: The Seasons and Feasts of the Church
13th March 2022	8.8: Fasting
20th March 2022	7.2: Holy Tradition, Evidence, and Its Benefits 7.3: The Apostolic Tradition & The Patristic Tradition

27th March 2022	7.1: 'Scripture Alone'?
3rd April 2022	Annunciation (<i>Pre-Feast Lesson</i>)
10th April 2022	Palm Sunday (<i>Pre-Feast Lesson</i>)
17th April 2022	Pascha (<i>Pre-Feast Lesson</i>)
24th April 2022	2.2: Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?
1st May 2022	2.4: Can One Live a Good Moral Life Without God?
8th May 2022	2.5: How Do You Respond to a Question About the Existence of God?
15th May 2022	2.6: What about those who say the Bible is Full of Contradictions?
22nd May 2022	2.7: Atheism & Agnosticism: The Secular influence
29th May 2022	Ascension (<i>Pre-Feast Lesson</i>)
5th June 2022	9.6: How to Handle Relationships with Non-Christians
12th June 2022	Pentecost (<i>Pre-Feast Lesson</i>)
19th June 2022	9.7: How to Witness to Christ in a Non-Christian World
26th June 2022	6.1: Christianity and dating
3rd July 2022	6.2: Christianity, tattoos and piercings
10th July 2022	6.3: How to confess
17th July 2022	6.4: Hypocritical religion?
24th July 2022	6.5: unity
12th September 2022	Nayrouz (<i>Pre-Feast Lesson</i>)