#### Sunday School Grade 4 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 David Kills a Lion and a Bear Lessons for the Month of January

#### Lesson Outline: Week 3

- David was a young shepherd. He cared for his parents' sheep.
- David always carried a sling and rocks in his pocket. He used them to lead the sheep.
- David had a small harp. He used it when he sang hymns and praises to the Lord.
- One day one of David's little sheep got lost.
- He found the sheep between a lion and a bear. David remembered that God is with him.
- He used the sling to kill the lion. He struck the bear and killed it.

#### **Word Bank**

Shepherd



Sling



Harp



Lost



Bear



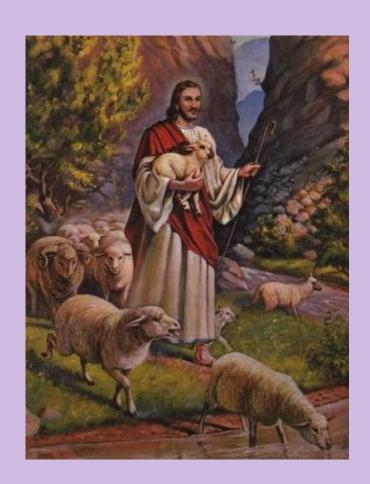
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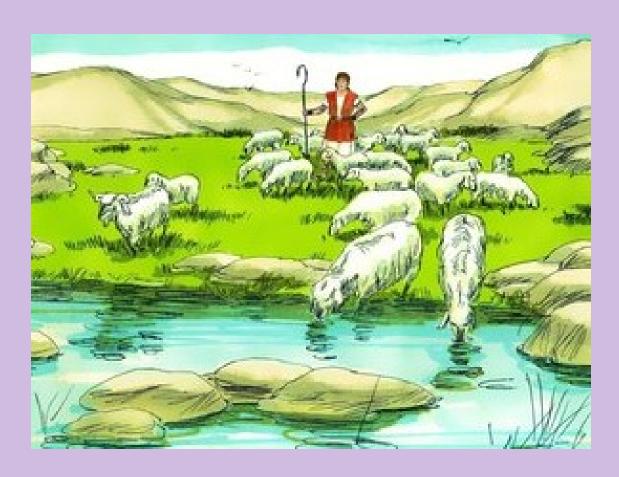
Objective: Victory comes by the power of God and through putting our trust in Him.



#### Memory Verse: "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1)



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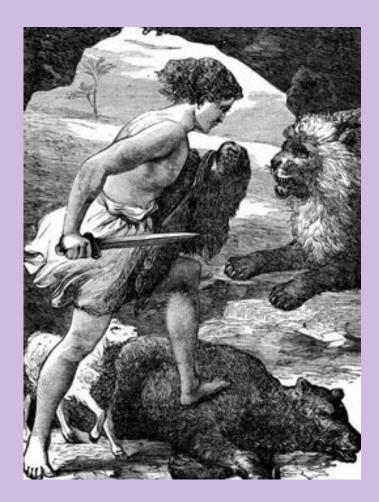
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#### Conclusion

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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/Grade04.pdf