

# Sunday School Grade 1

## 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 Anointed King

## Lessons for the Great Lent

### Lesson Outline: Week 3

- Samuel went to the town where David lives to anoint him as a king.
- Samuel met with all of David's siblings and his father.
- Samuel asked specifically about David.
- David's father was surprised because he was the youngest and the smallest.
- Samuel laid his hand upon David's head, anointed him with oil and put the Royal Crown on his head.
- God chose David because of his love for the sheep and his courage. Also because David wrote hymns and prayed.

# Word Bank

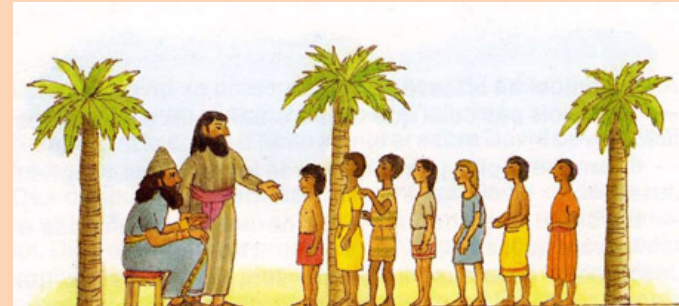
- Samuel



- King



- Siblings



- Hymns



- Anoint



- Royal Crown



**Objective: God loved David because he had a pure heart not because he was big or strong**



# Memory Verse: *“You anoint my head with oil” (Psalm 23:5)*

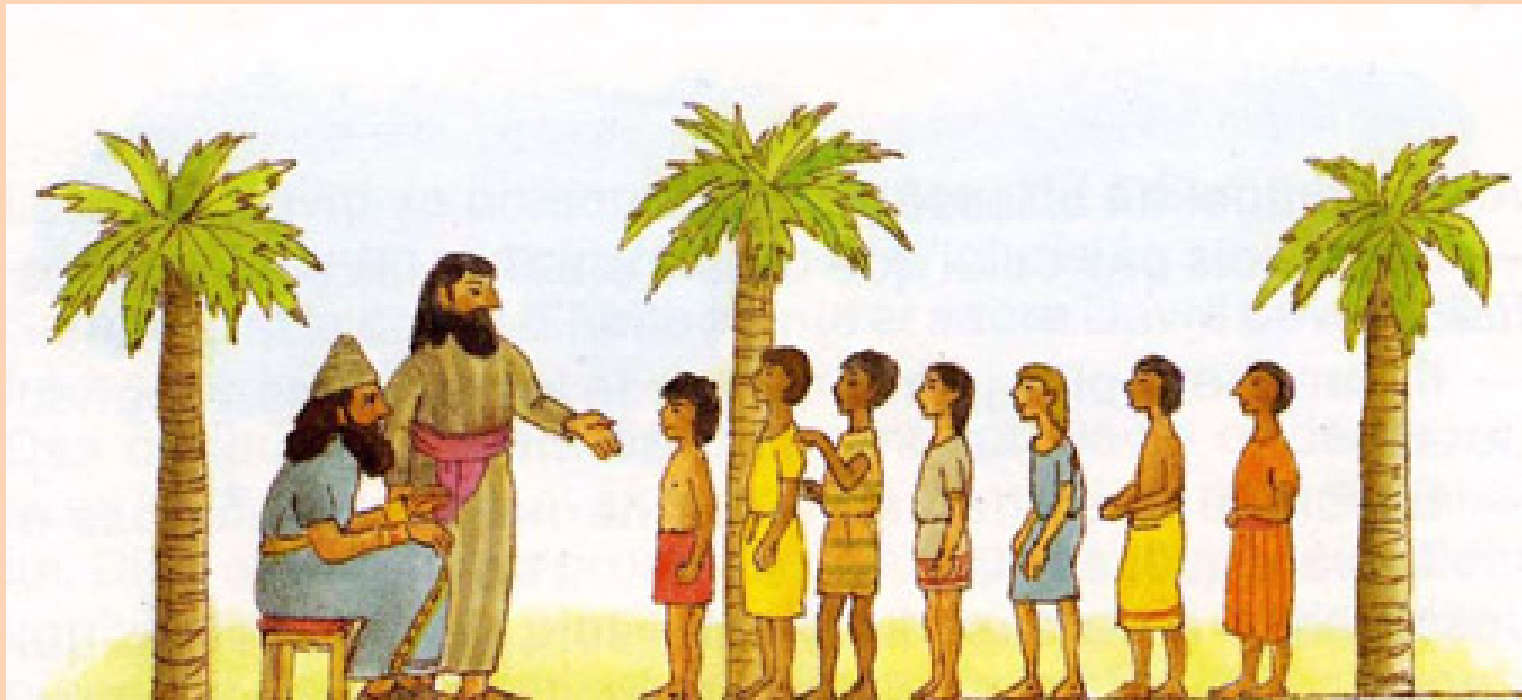


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### Conclusion

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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/Grade01.pdf>