

Sunday School Grade 0

A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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- The A.G.A.P.E. 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 How the World Began

Lessons for the month of September

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**
 - Before the world began it was quiet, dark, and empty.
 - Then God spoke and there was light.
 - Then He made the moon and stars.
 - Then God spoke and there was sky and sea.
 - God made plants, trees, fish, and birds.
 - Then it wasn't quiet anymore and God was happy with what he made.

Word Bank

- Empty



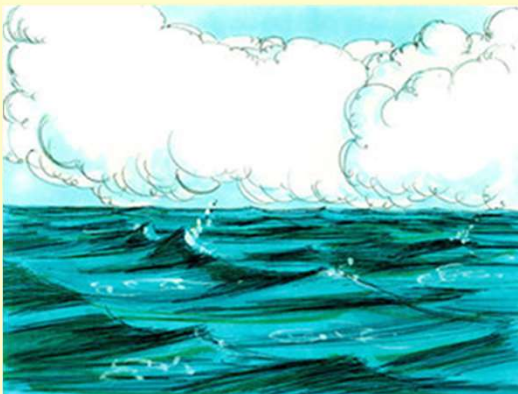
- Light



- Moon



- Sky



- Birds



- Made



Objective: To teach the children the story of the creation.



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Memory Verse: “Indeed, it was very good” (Genesis 1: 31)



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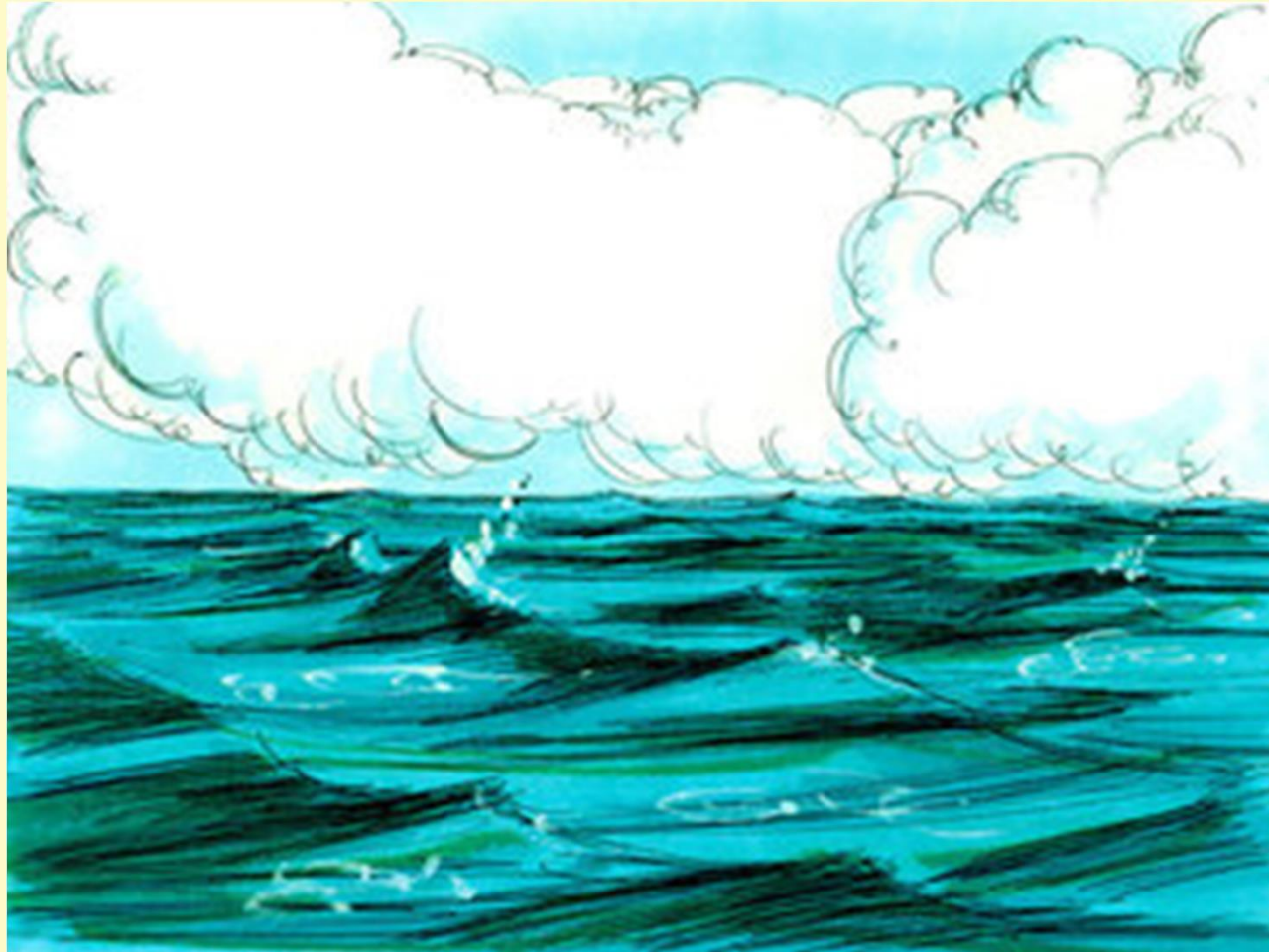
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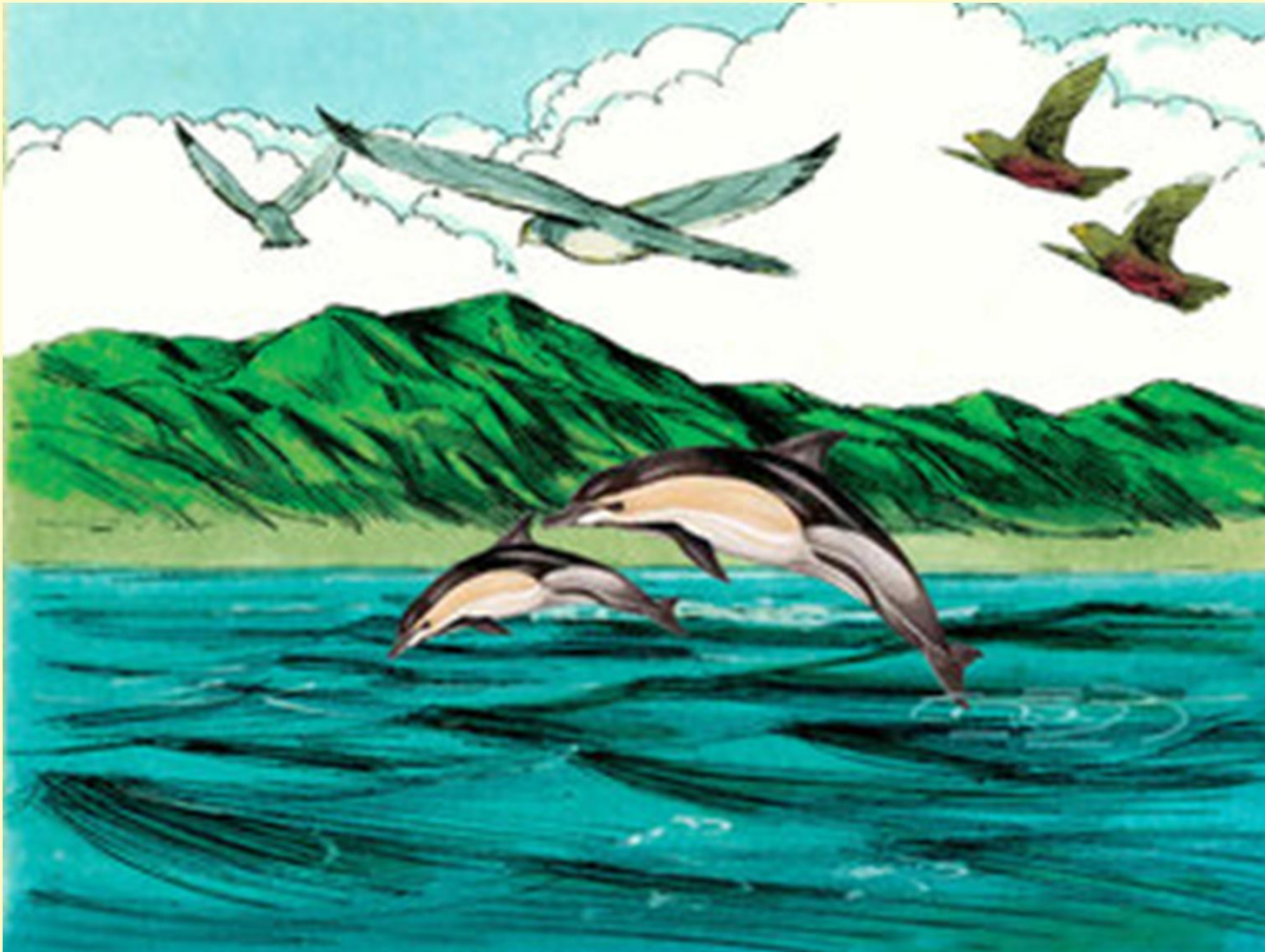
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**Then God spoke and there was sky
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God made plants, trees, fish, and birds.



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How the World Began

Lessons for the Month of September

- **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/Grade00.pdf>