

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 Parable of the Soils

Lessons for the Month of September

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**

- Jesus told the people a parable about a sower (farmer). He was planting seeds.
- Some seeds fell by the wayside, the birds ate them. Some on stones, they burned from the sun.
- Some fell by the thorns. The thorns grew and choked them. Some fell on good soil and they gave lots of fruit.
- Jesus explained that the seed is the word of God. He said the wayside is when the devil takes people away from God.
- The stone is when people have problems they forget God. The thorns is when they are busy with the world. They don't care about God.
- The good soil is when they listen to the word of God. They act it and obey it daily. Let's be like the good soil.

Word Bank

• Farmer



• Seeds



• Plant



• Thorns



• Good soil



• Obey



Objective: To learn the story of the parable of the soils. To learn to apply what we here is church, Sunday school and the Bible in our life.



**Memory Verse: “But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty”
(Matthew 13:8)**



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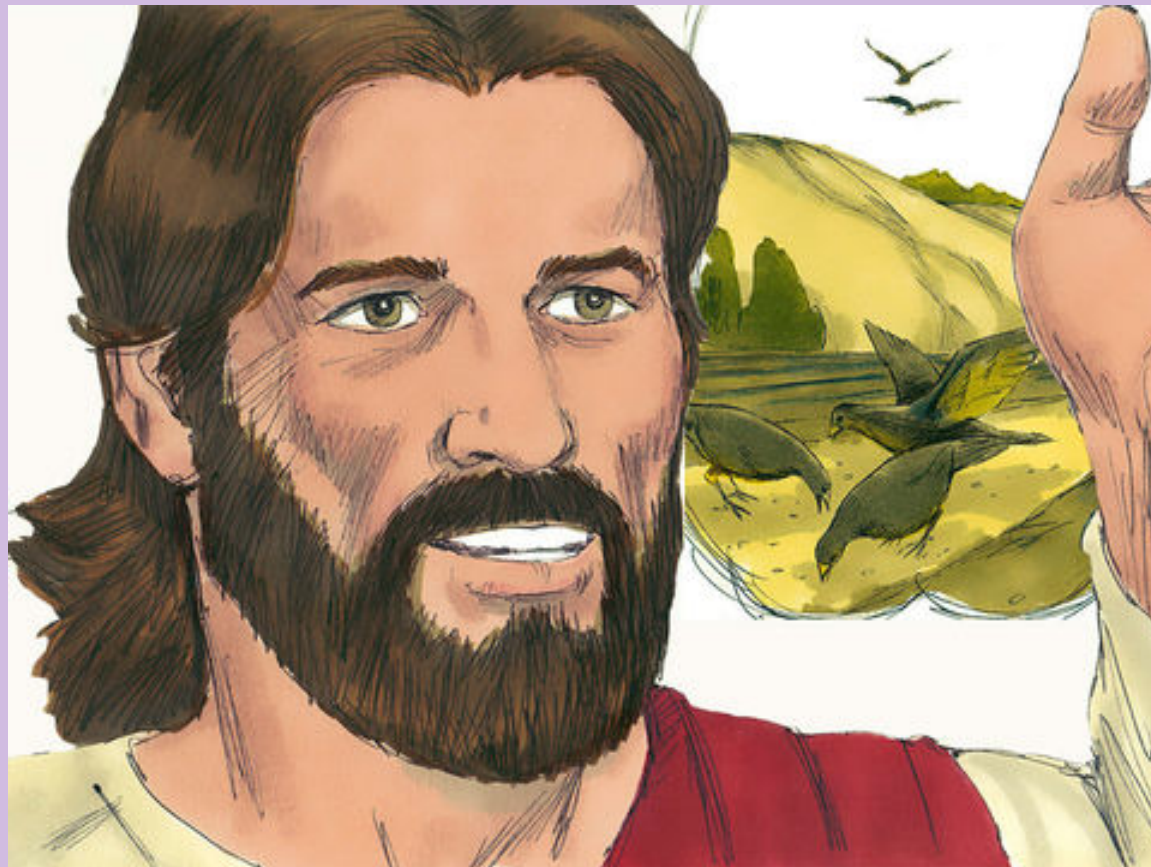
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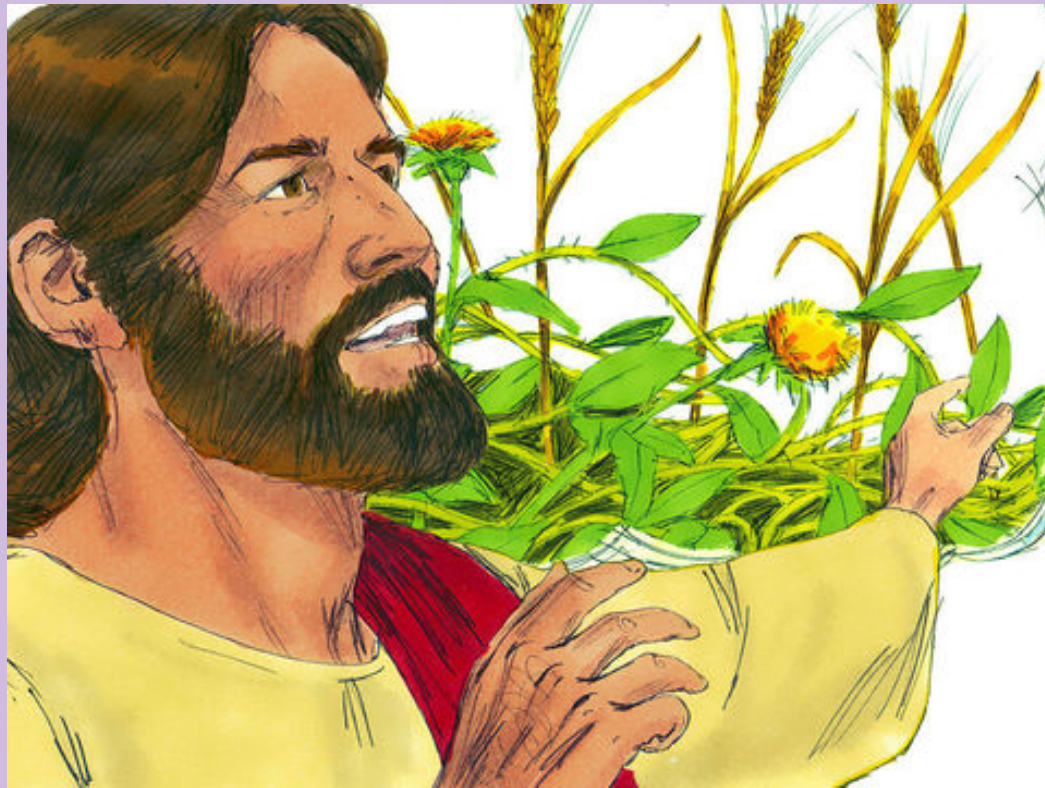
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- **Conclusion**

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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/Grade04.pdf>