

# 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 St. Mary Visits St. Elizabeth

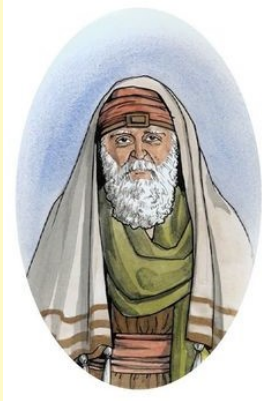
## Lessons for the month of December

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

- St. Mary traveled to help Elizabeth her relative. She was old and pregnant.
- Elizabeth's baby leaped in her belly when St. Mary arrived.
- Elizabeth was happy to see St. Mary. The mother of God.
- An angel told Zacharias, her husband, that Elizabeth will have a son. He did not believe.
- Zacharias was unable to speak until his son was born.
- St. Mary stayed with Elizabeth 3 months. She was taking care of her.

# Word Bank

- Zachariah



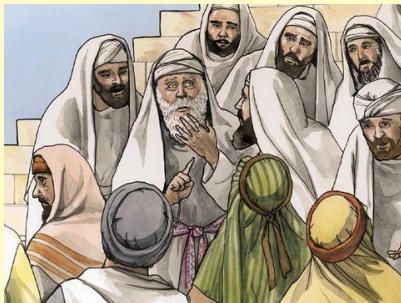
- Happy



- Leap



- Mute



- Stay



- Travel



**Objective: To learn to be kind to others.**



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**Memory Verse: “*The babe leaped in her womb*” (Luke 1:41)**



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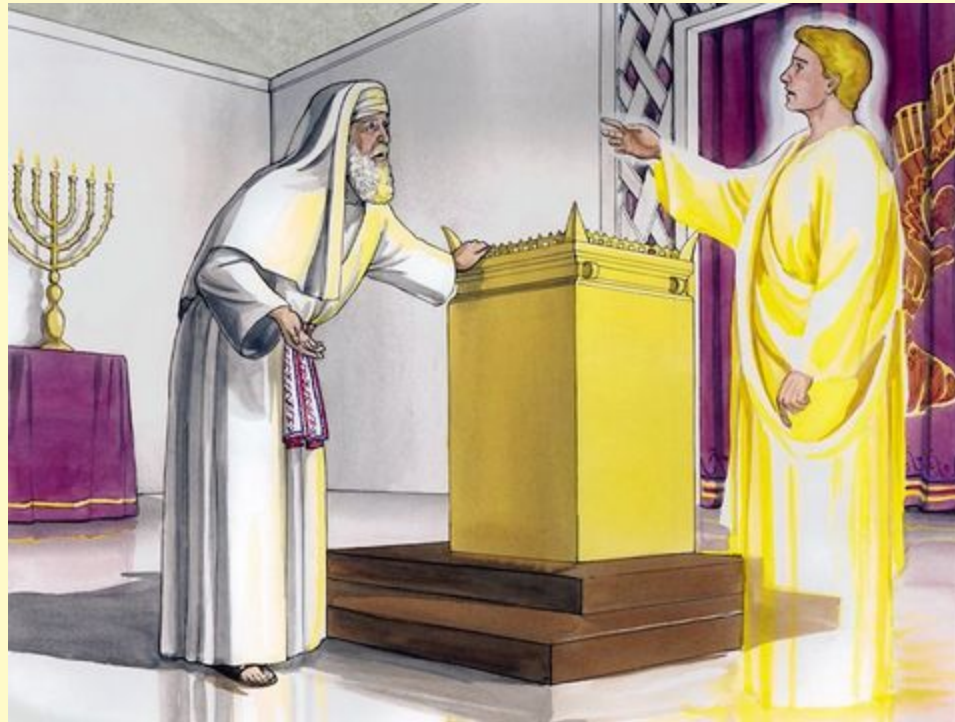
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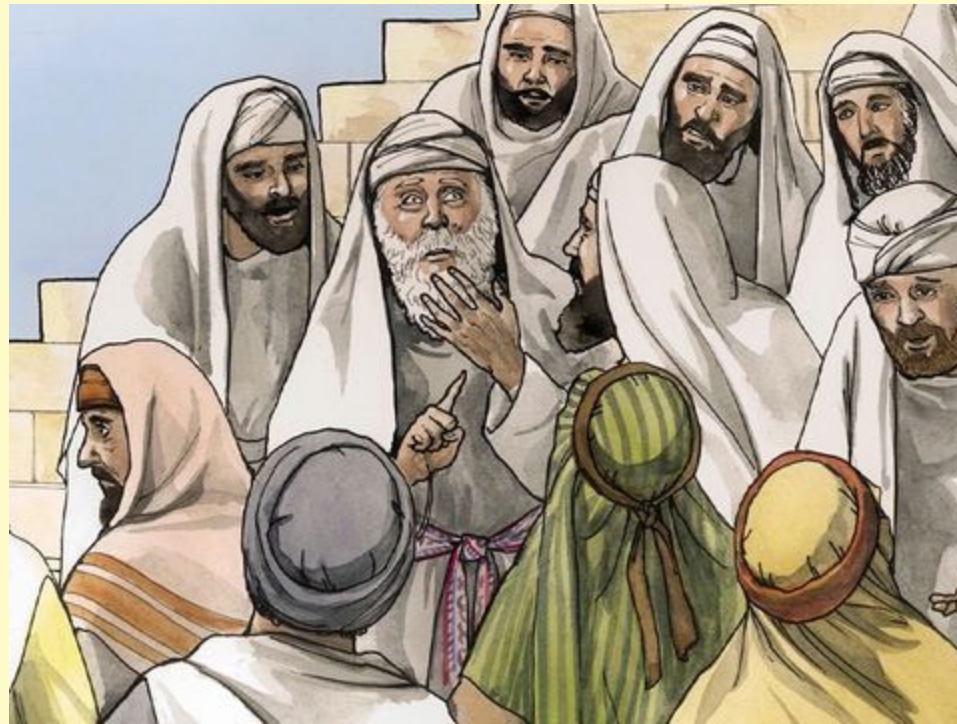
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# St. Mary Visits St. Elizabeth

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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>