

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 Samson and the Lion

Lessons for the month of December

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**

- An angel told a woman she will have a son named Samson. God made him special.
- He got his strength from his hair. He never cut his hair.
- One day Samson was walking to another town.
- A lion attacked him. He killed him with his bare hands.
- On the way home, he passed the dead lion. He found honey in its belly.
- He ate the honey. He also took some home to his parents.

Word Bank

- Samson



- Angel



- Hair



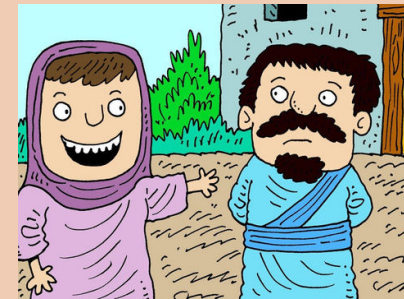
- Lion



- Honey



- Parents



Objective: To understand that God is with us at all times and therefore we should never be afraid. God can turn bad situations into good ones.



Memory Verse: “The Lord is the strength of my life of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1)



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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>