

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 The Angel Brings Good News to St. Mary

Lessons for the month of December

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**

- Archangel Gabriel came to St. Mary. He told her she will carry baby Jesus in belly.
- He told her she will be filled with Holy Spirit.
- He told St. Mary she will be the mother of God.
- St. Mary said I am the handmaiden of the Lord.
- The archangel told St. Mary that her old relative Elizabeth is pregnant.
- St. Mary immediately went to take care of Elizabeth.

Word Bank

- St. Mary



- Archangel Gabriel



- Mother



- Elizabeth



- Holy Spirit



- Immediately



Objective: Rejoice with the church and cooperate with her in the preparations for Christmas

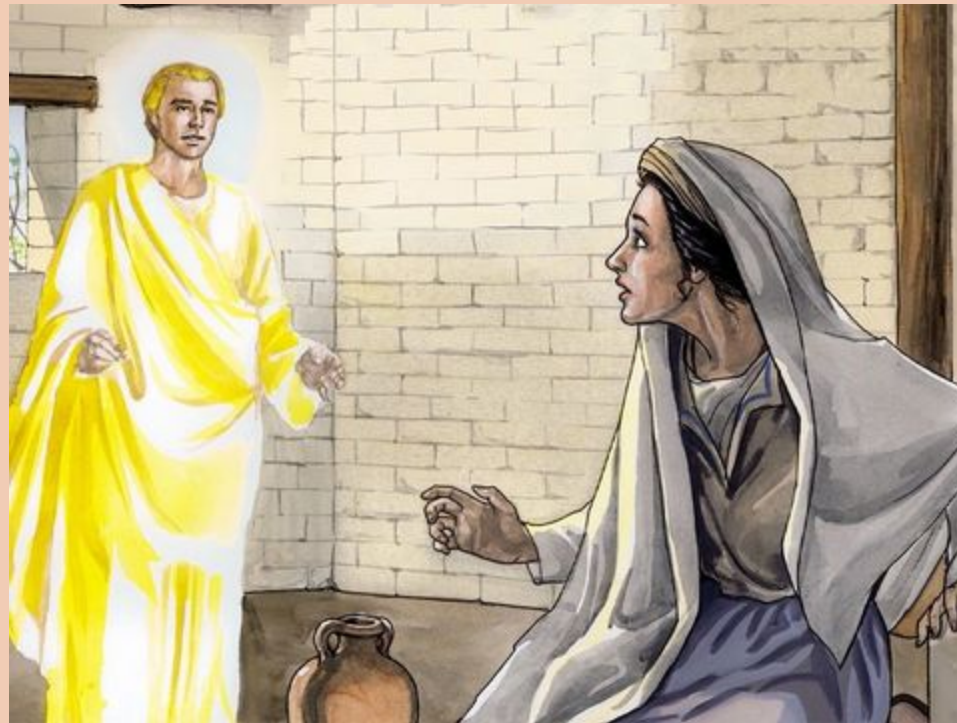


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Memory Verse: “*Blessed are you among woman*” (Luke 1:28)



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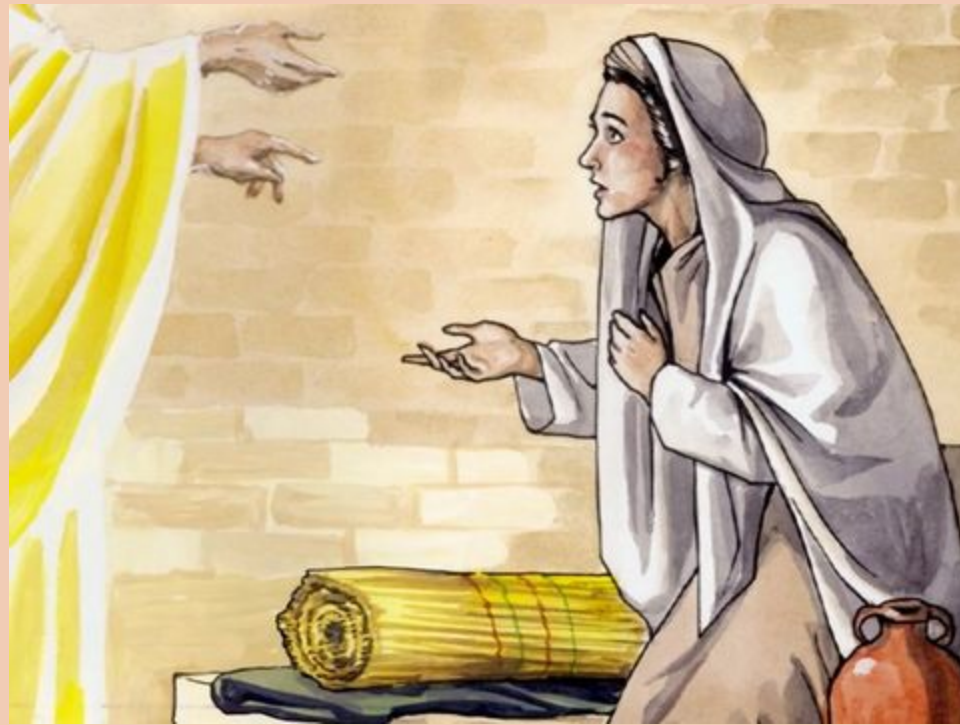
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- **Conclusion**

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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/Grade01.pdf>