

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 and the Shepherds

Lessons for the month of December

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

- Some shepherds saw a bright light in the sky.
- An angel was up in the sky. The angel told the shepherds about the birth of Christ.
- The shepherds rejoiced.
- The angel told the shepherds where to find Jesus.
- They went to Bethlehem. They found baby Jesus.
- The shepherds also saw St. Mary and Joseph the carpenter.

Word Bank

- Nativity



- Joseph



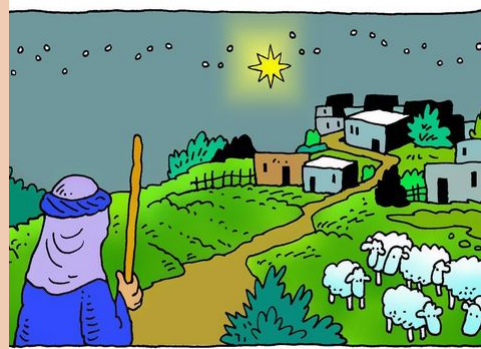
- Shepherds



- Rejoice



- Bethlehem



- Sky

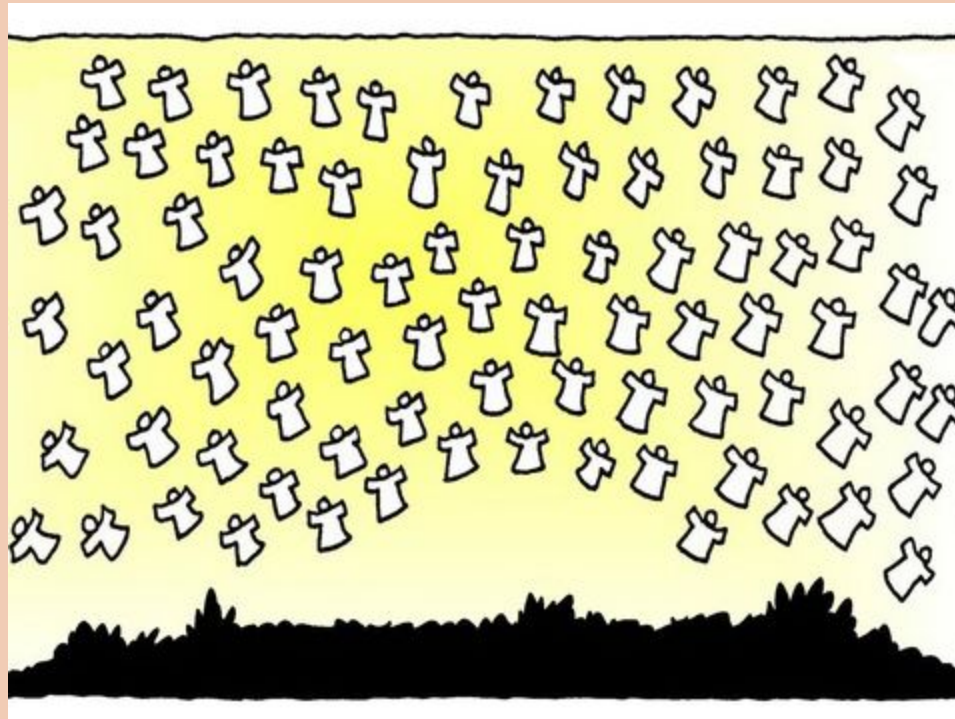


Objective: To feel the joy of nativity which fills the heaven and earth.



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Memory Verse: “I bring you good tidings of great joy” (Luke 2:10). “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men” (Luke 2:14)



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The Angel and the Shepherds Lessons for the Month of December

- **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>