

# 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.

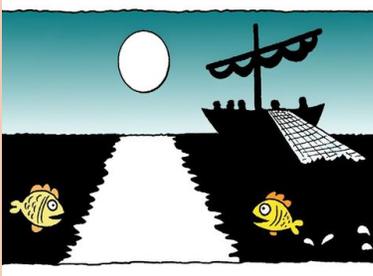
# Preparation for The Miracle of Catching Huge Amounts of Fish

## Lessons for the month of November

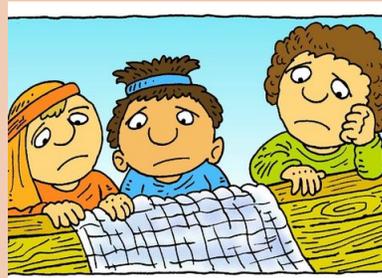
- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**
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  - They were sad. They did not catch any fish.
  - They found Jesus on shore. He was teaching the people.
  - Later, Jesus got inside the boat. Jesus told them to go deep.
  - Then He told them to cast the net. They did as Jesus said.
  - They caught a lot of fish. The net was very heavy.

# Word Bank

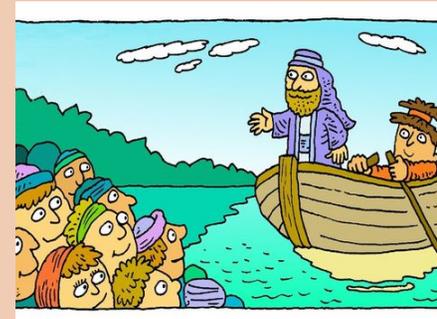
- Night



- Sad



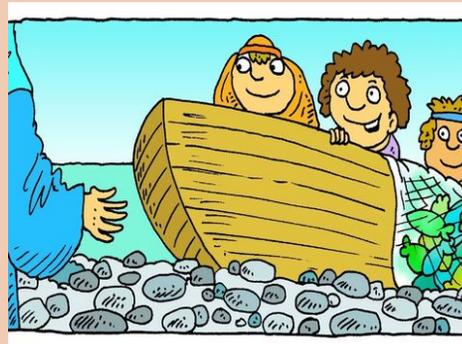
- Shore



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- Cast



- Fish



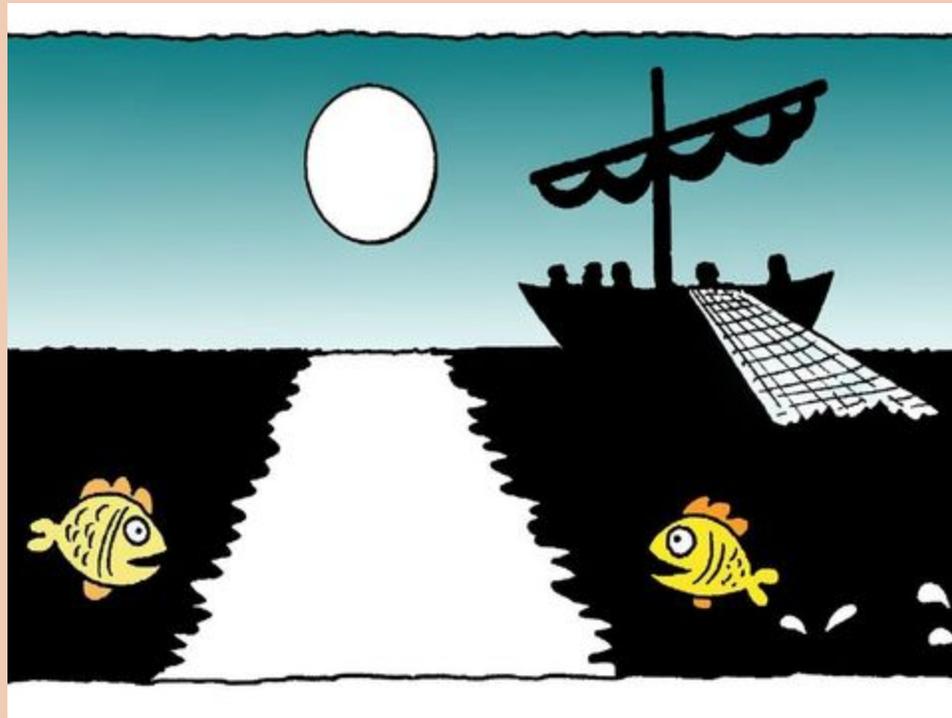
**Objective: Christ's power and ability to perform miracles. Children should learn to cooperate and serve others**



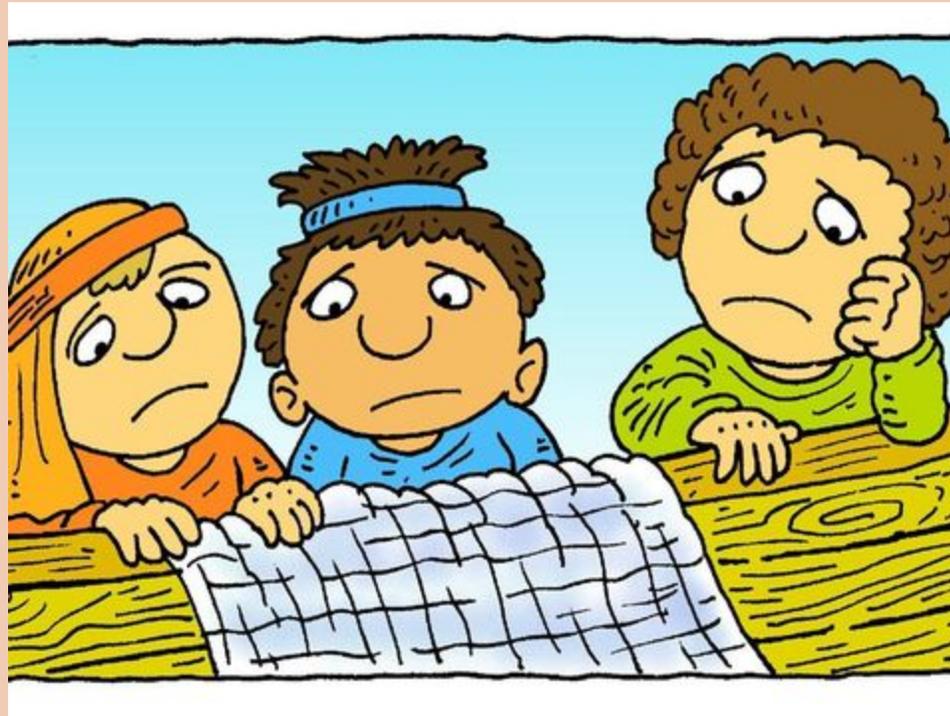
**Memory Verse: “At Your word I will let down the net” (Luke 5:15). Or “What is impossible with men is possible with God” (Luke 18:27).**



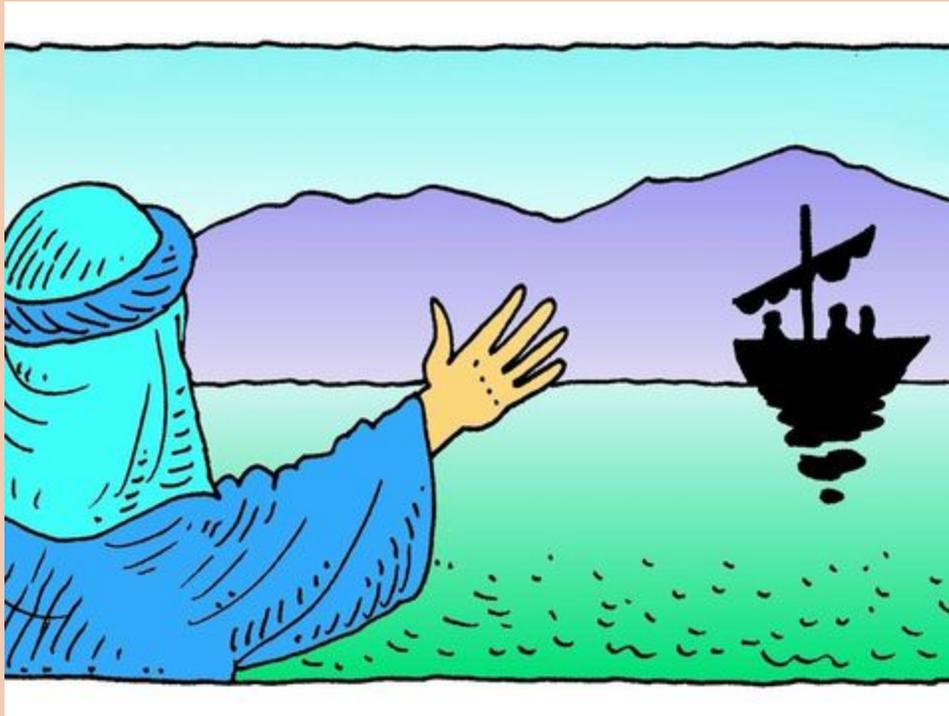
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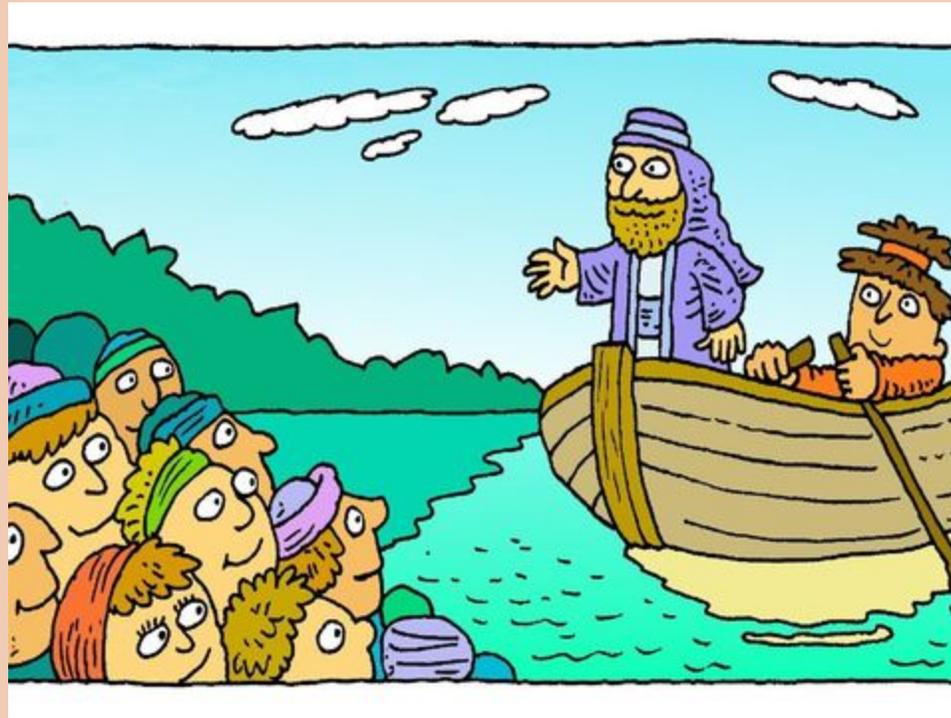
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- **Conclusion**

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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>