

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 Healing the Sick Man of Bethesda

Lessons for the month of November

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

- The pool of Bethesda healed one person per year.
- There was a paralyzed man waiting there for 38 years.
- Jesus saw him. He asked him if he wants to be healed.
- He told Jesus yes. I have been waiting for 38 years.
- Jesus told him to get up and pick his bed.
- Immediately, he was able to get up and walk.

Word Bank

- Disabled



- Heal



- Waiting



- Bed



- Walk



- Pool of Bethesda



Objective: Show the students the kindness of Jesus Christ to the disabled.



Memory Verse: *“Rise, take up your bed, and walk” (John 5:8)*

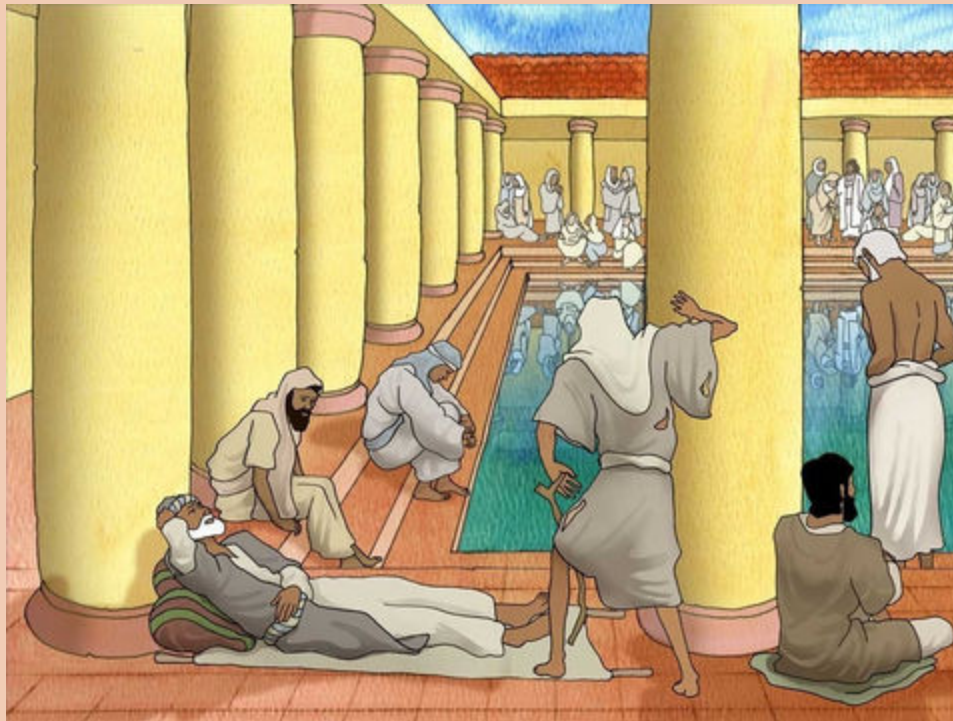


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Healing the Sick Man of Bethesda

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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>