#### Sunday School Grade 4 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 Child Jesus Enters the Temple

#### Lessons for the Month of December

- Lesson Outline: Week 1
  - The Holy Family went to Jerusalem for the feast.
  - Jesus loved going to the church (temple). He was left behind in Jerusalem.
  - St. Mary and St. Joseph thought Jesus was with relatives.
     After a day of travel they could not find Jesus.
  - They journeyed back to Jerusalem. They found Jesus in the temple.
  - St. Mary told Jesus how they were worried.
  - Jesus was polite and respectful of His parents. He obeyed them.

#### **Word Bank**

Holy Family



Feast



Temple



Worried



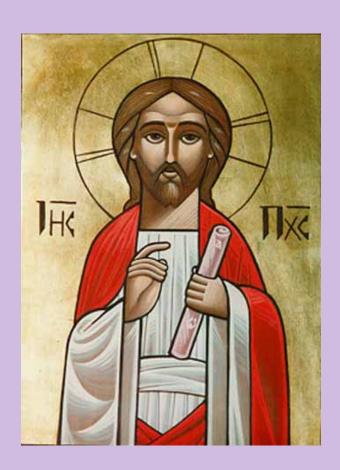
Obey



Journey



## Objective: To learn obedience to the parents from the Lord Jesus.



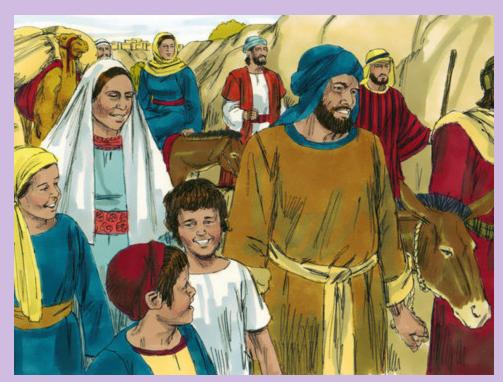
#### Memory Verse: "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature" (Luke 2:52)



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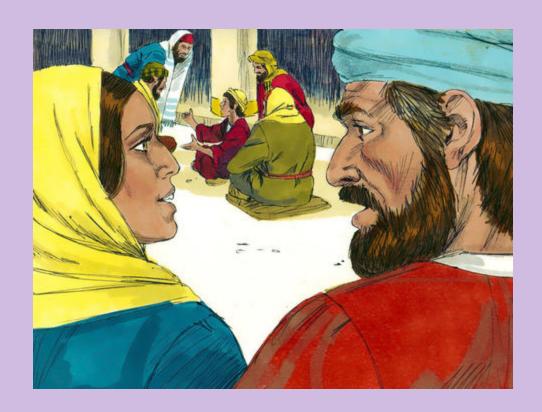
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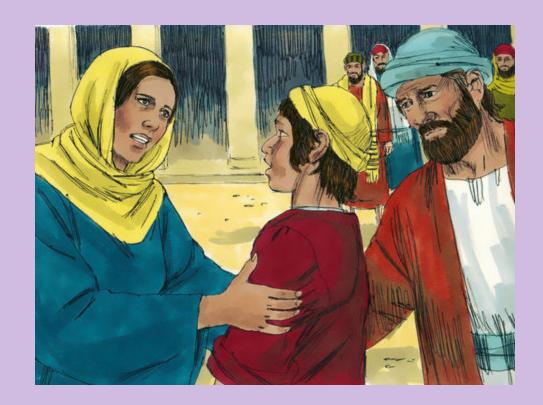
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#### The Child Jesus Enters the Temple Lessons for the Month of December

#### 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/Grade04.pdf