

Sunday School Grade Pre-School A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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- The A.G.A.P.E. 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 Baby Jesus in the Manger

Lessons for the Month of December

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**
 - St. Mary and St. Joseph traveled to Bethlehem.
 - They could not find a place to sleep.
 - A man told them he has room in the stables.
 - St. Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ that night.
 - St. Mary placed Jesus in a manger.
 - That day is called the Nativity.

Word Bank

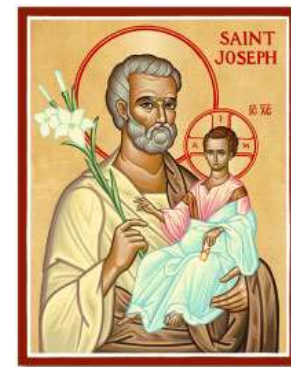
- Nativity



- Bethlehem



- St. Joseph



- Travel



- Manger



- Stable



Objective: Learn about Christmas (The Feast of the Nativity).



Memory Verse: *“Jesus was born in Bethlehem”* Matthew 2:1



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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/Grade-PreK.pdf>