

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 Jesus is Baptized

Lessons for the Month of January

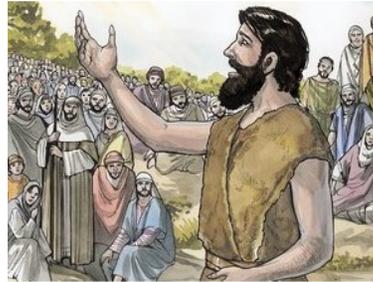
- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**
 - John the Baptist lived in the desert.
 - John taught the people about Jesus Christ.
 - John told them to stop doing bad things.
 - John baptized them in the Jordan River.
 - Jesus asked John to baptize Him.
 - That is why he is called John the Baptist.

Word Bank

- Desert



- Taught



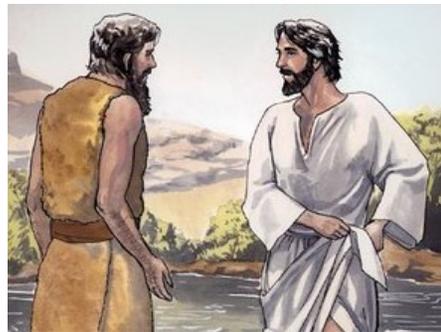
- Bad things



- Jordan River



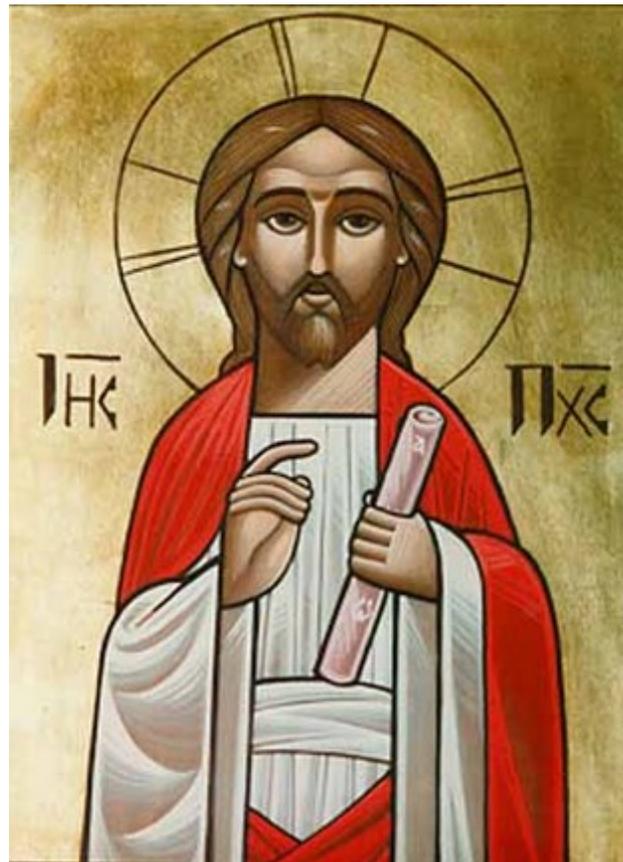
- Baptize



- Beloved son

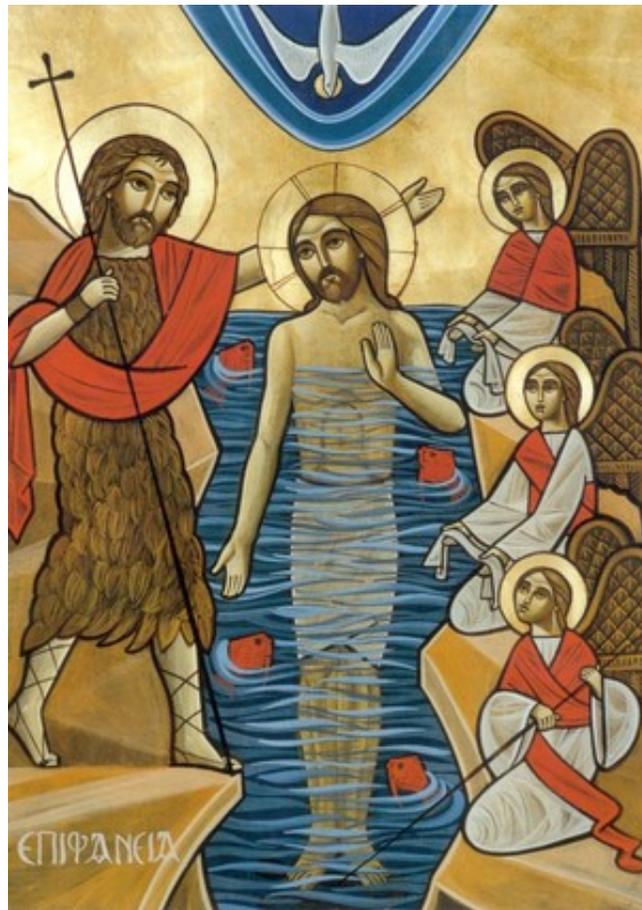


Objective: Learn that Jesus taught us about baptism.



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Memory Verse: *“This is My beloved Son” Matthew 3:17*

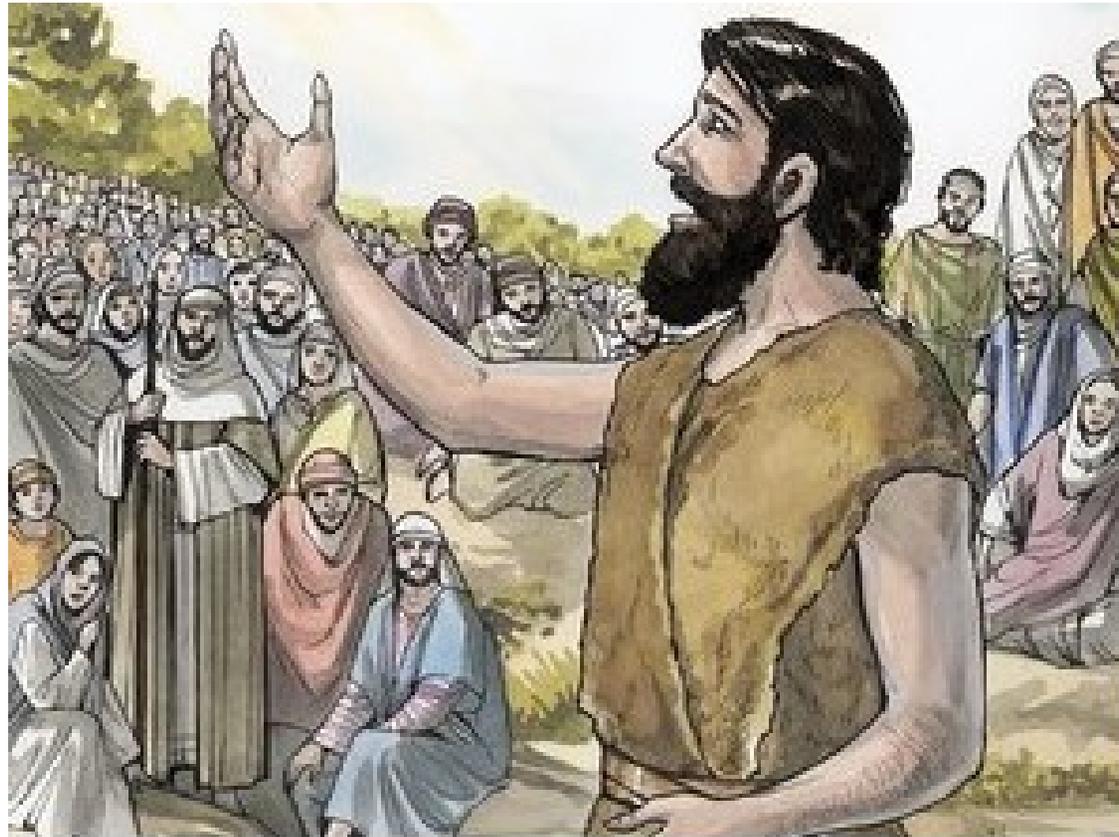


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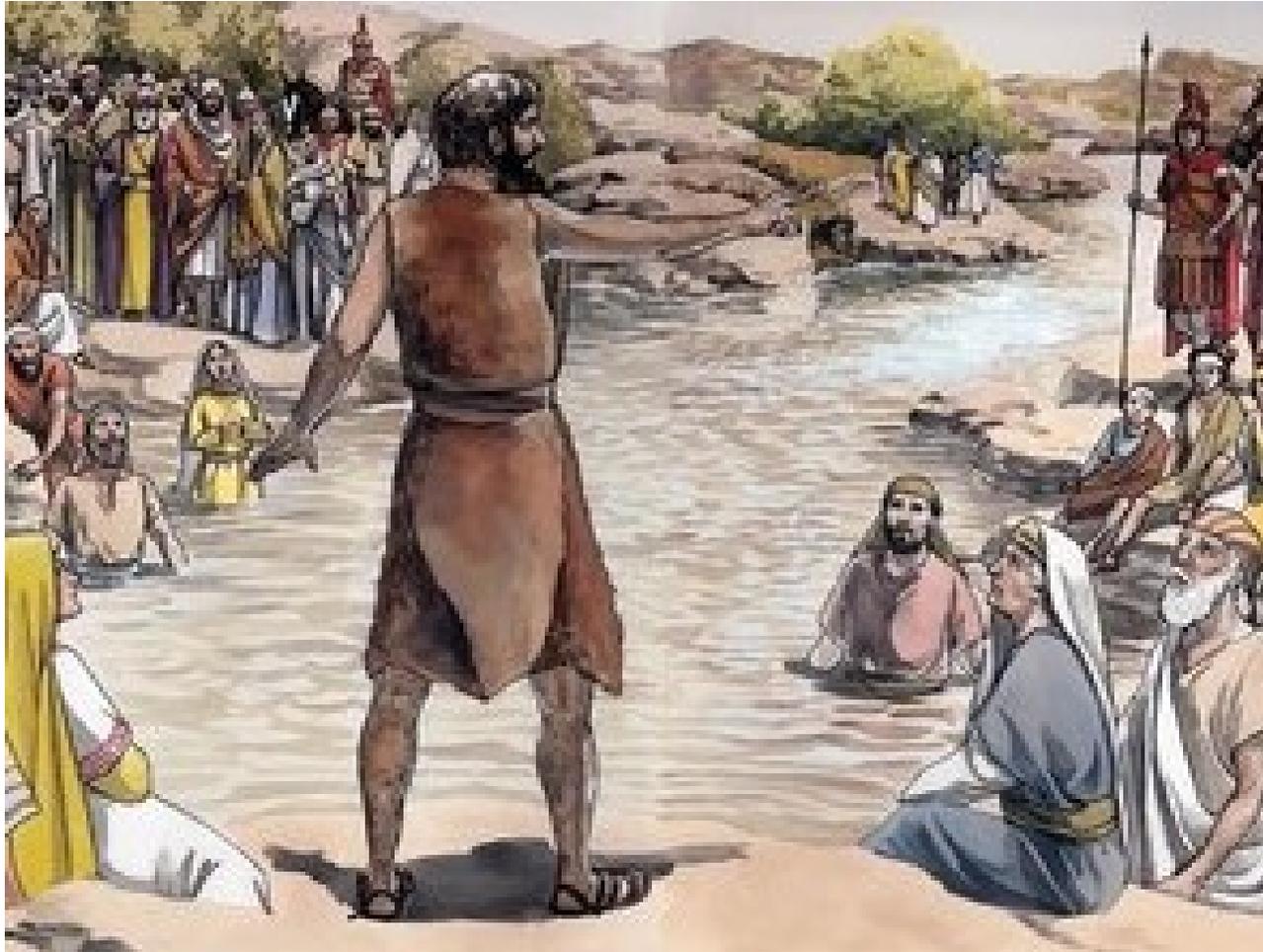


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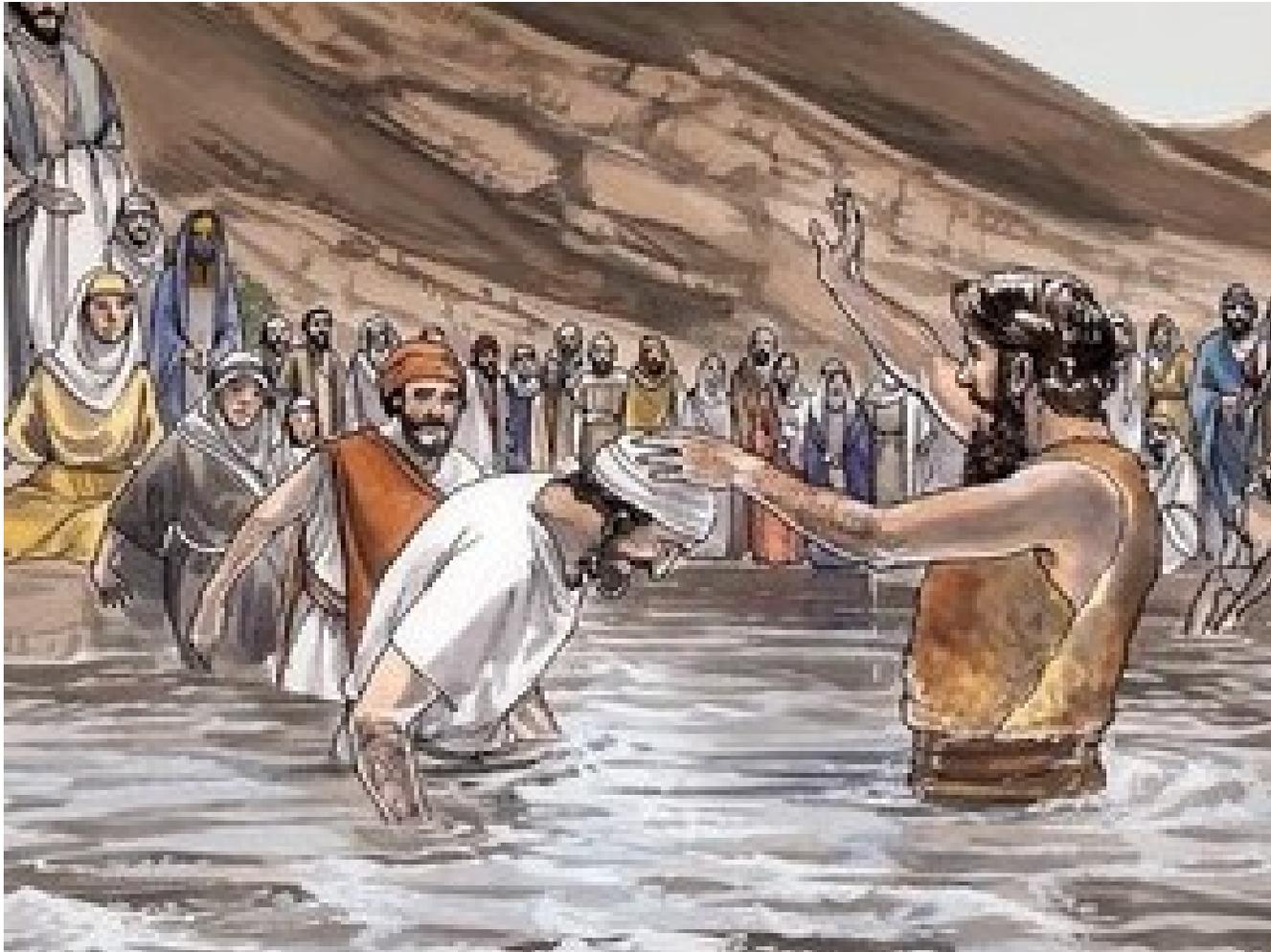


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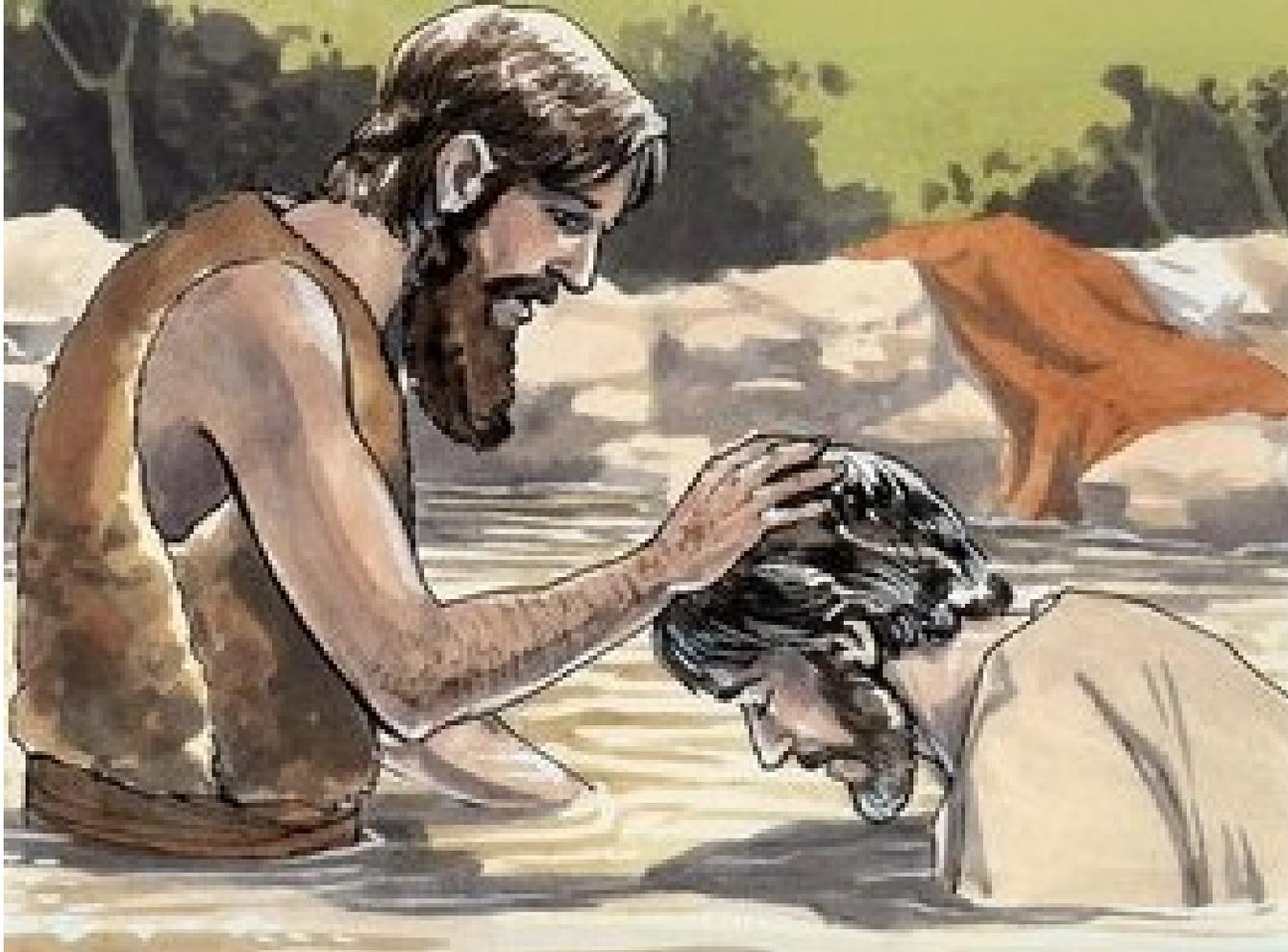
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Jesus is Baptized

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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>