

Sunday School Grade 8

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 Nativity and Our Spiritual Life

Lessons for the Month of January

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**

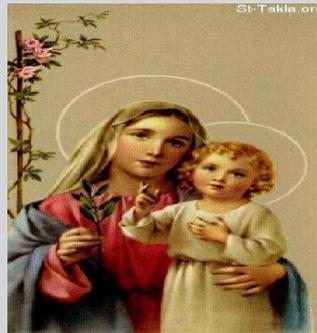
- The Nativity Feast is when we celebrate the coming of the Lord.
- Christ was born of the Virgin and became man.
- The true birth is made perfect through repentance.
- The Lord finds comfort in the heart of a humble person.
- Without purity no one can see God.
- The heavenly hosts were happy and sang praises when Jesus was born.

Word Bank

- Nativity Feast



- Virgin



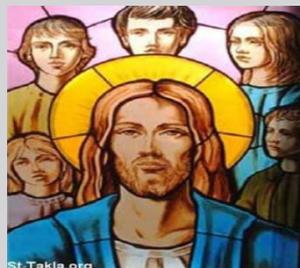
- Repentance



- Humble



- Purity



- Praises



Objective: How shall I receive the newborn Baby of Bethlehem?



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Memory Verse: “That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith” (Ephesians 3:17).

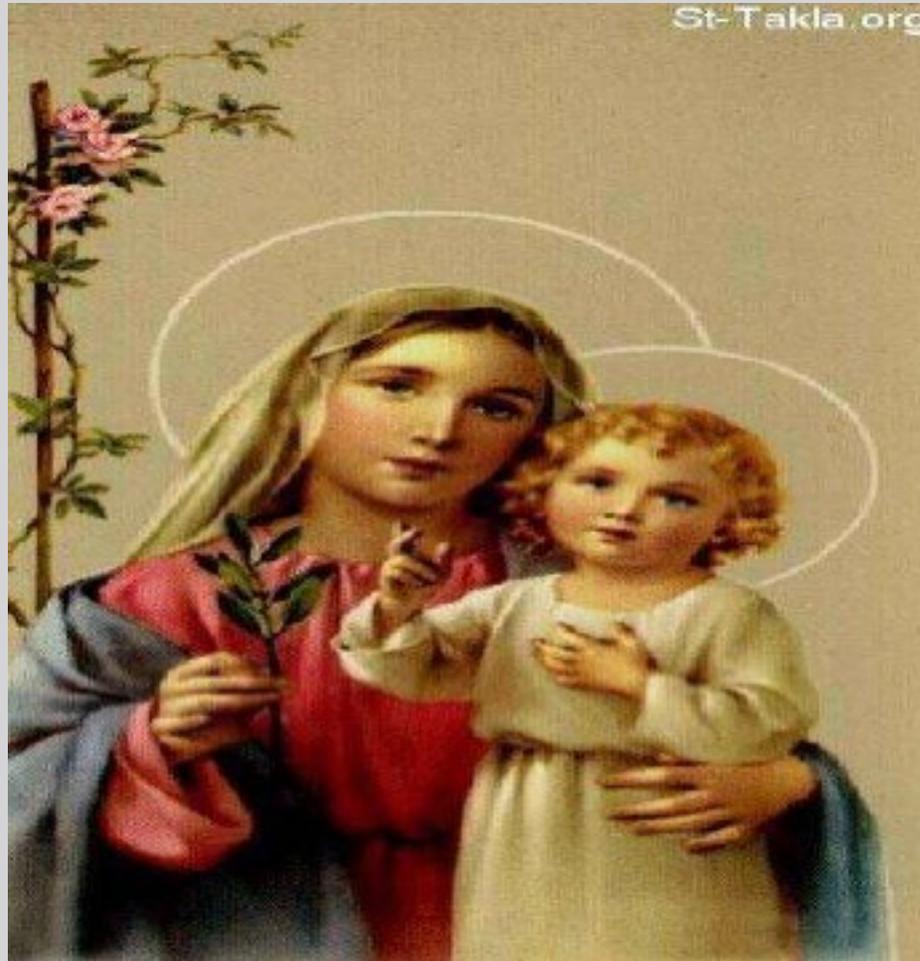


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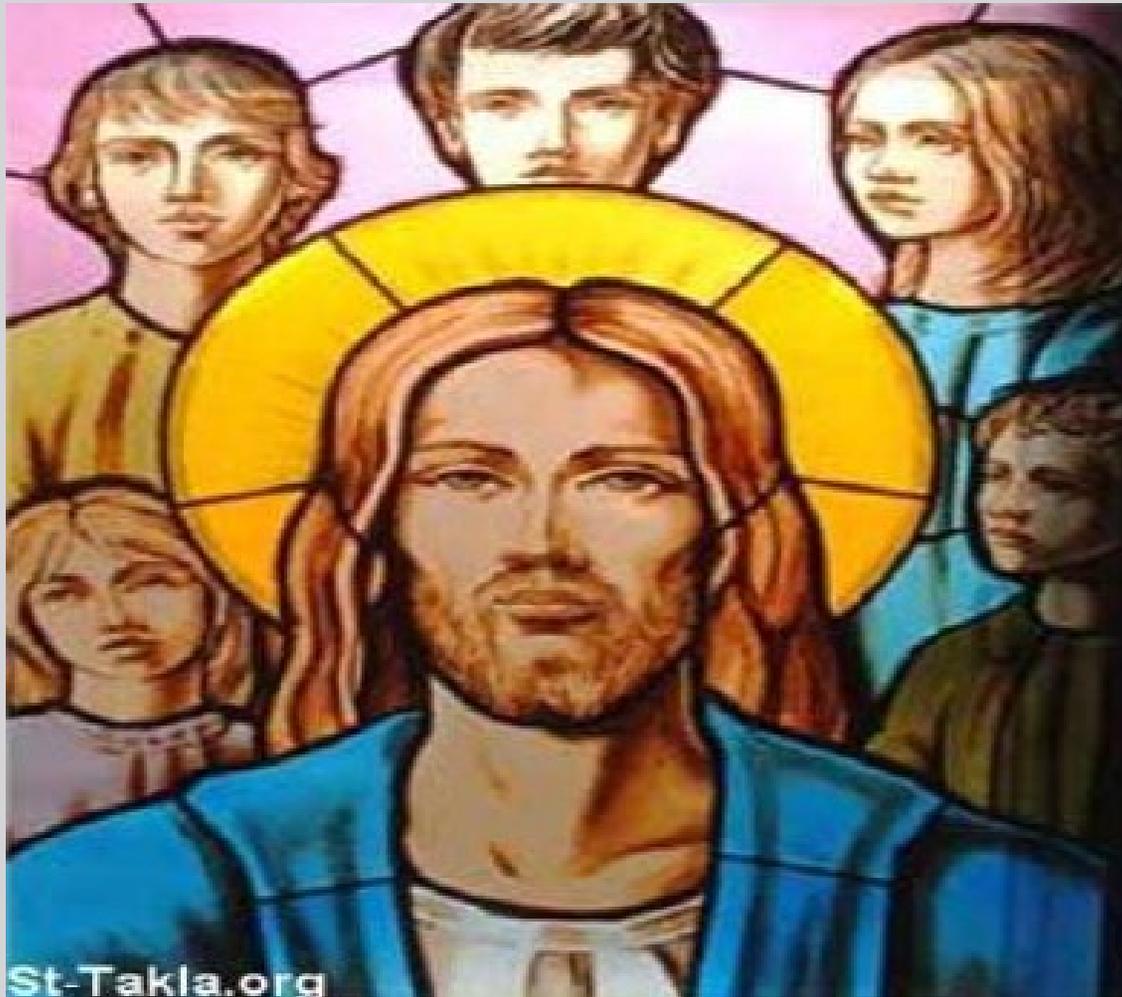
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Nativity and Our Spiritual Life

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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/Grade08.pdf>