

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 St. Joseph the Carpenter

Lessons for the months of January

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**

- The Angel appeared to St. Joseph to announce the birth of Jesus Christ from St. Mary.
- King Herod did not want Jesus to live. He ordered the killing of all babies under 2 years old.
- An Angel appeared again to Joseph to tell him to escape to Egypt.
- When Herod died, the Angel appeared to Joseph. He told him to return to Israel.
- St. Joseph took St. Mary and Jesus to Nazareth. They lived there. Joseph worked as a carpenter.
- Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

Word Bank

- Angel



- King Herod



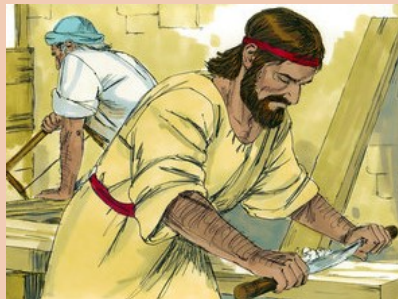
- Escape



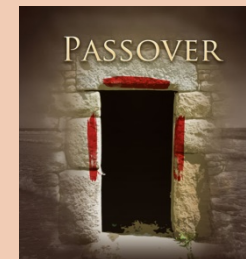
- St. Joseph



- Carpenter



- Passover



Objective: To learn about the role of St. Joseph the Holy.



Memory Verse: “*Out of Egypt I called My Son.*” Hosea 11:1



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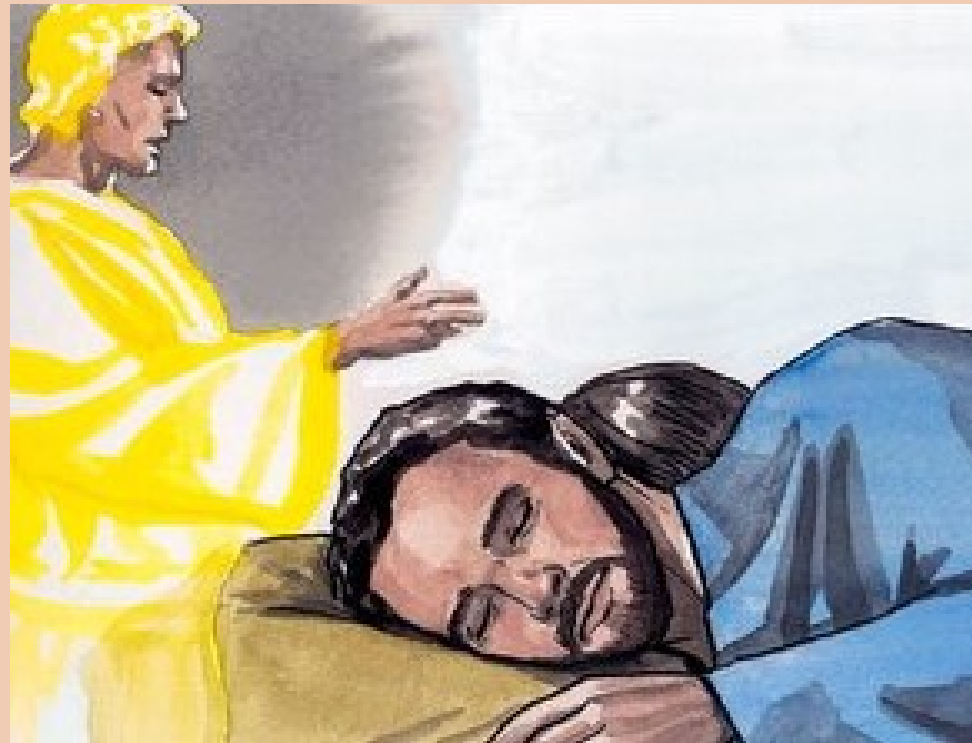
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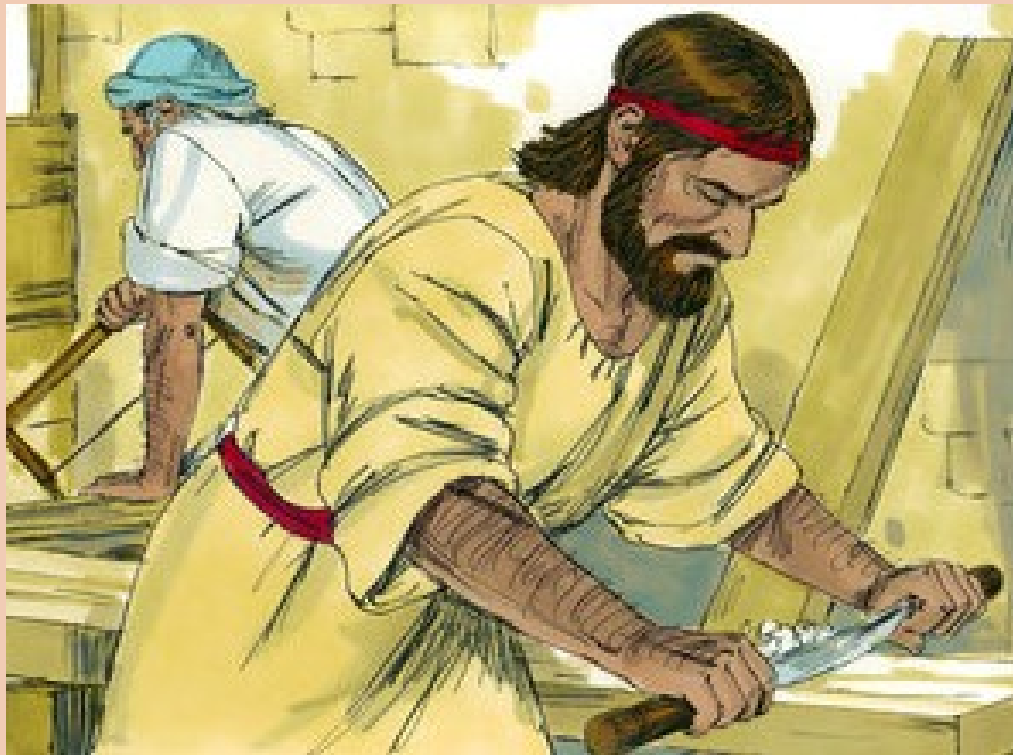
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Lessons for the Month of January

- **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>