

# 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 The Precious Pearl

## Lessons for the months of January

- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**

- Jesus told the people a story about the Kingdom of Heaven.
- Jesus said it is like a rich man buying and selling expensive jewelry.
- The rich man was looking for the perfect pearl.
- One day he found it. But it was very expensive.
- The rich man sold all his expensive jewelry. He then was able to buy it.
- The Lord Jesus told us this story. He wants to teach us that going to heaven is just like this perfect pearl.

# Word Bank

- Heaven



- Jewelry



- Pearl



- Sold



- Expensive



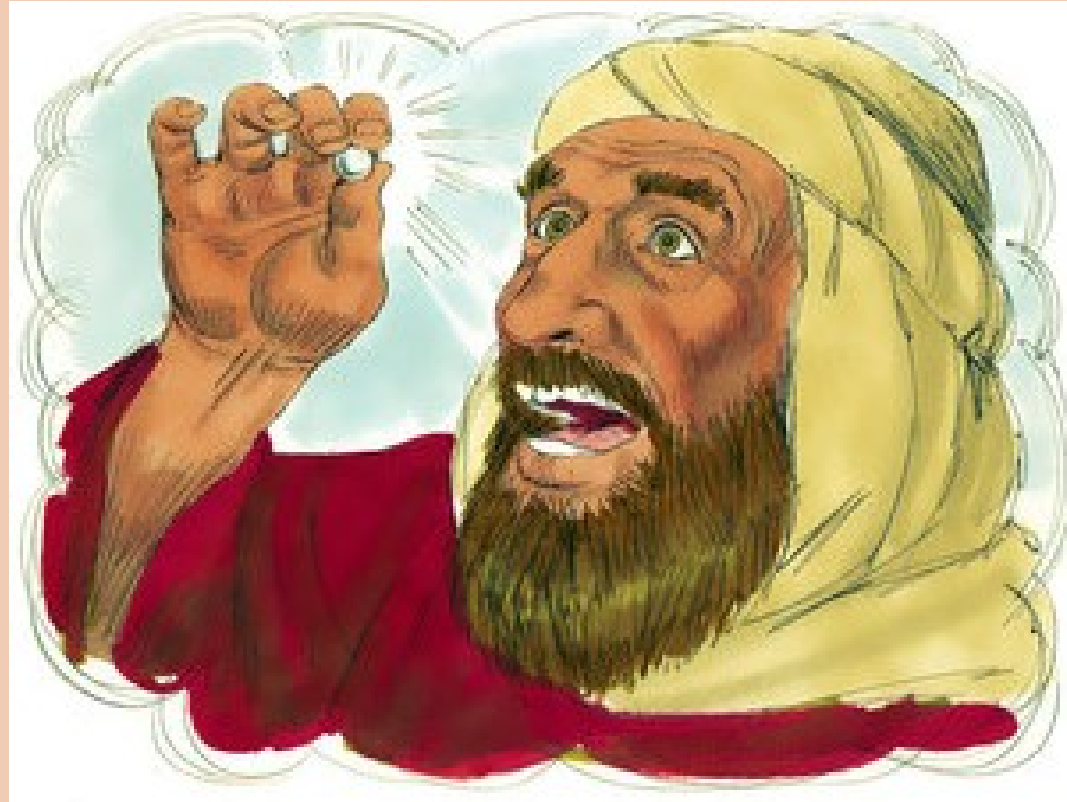
- Perfect



**Objective: To teach the children that we all like to go to heaven to be with Jesus Christ in His beautiful kingdom.**



**Memory Verse: “He had found one pearl of great price” (Matthew 13:46)**



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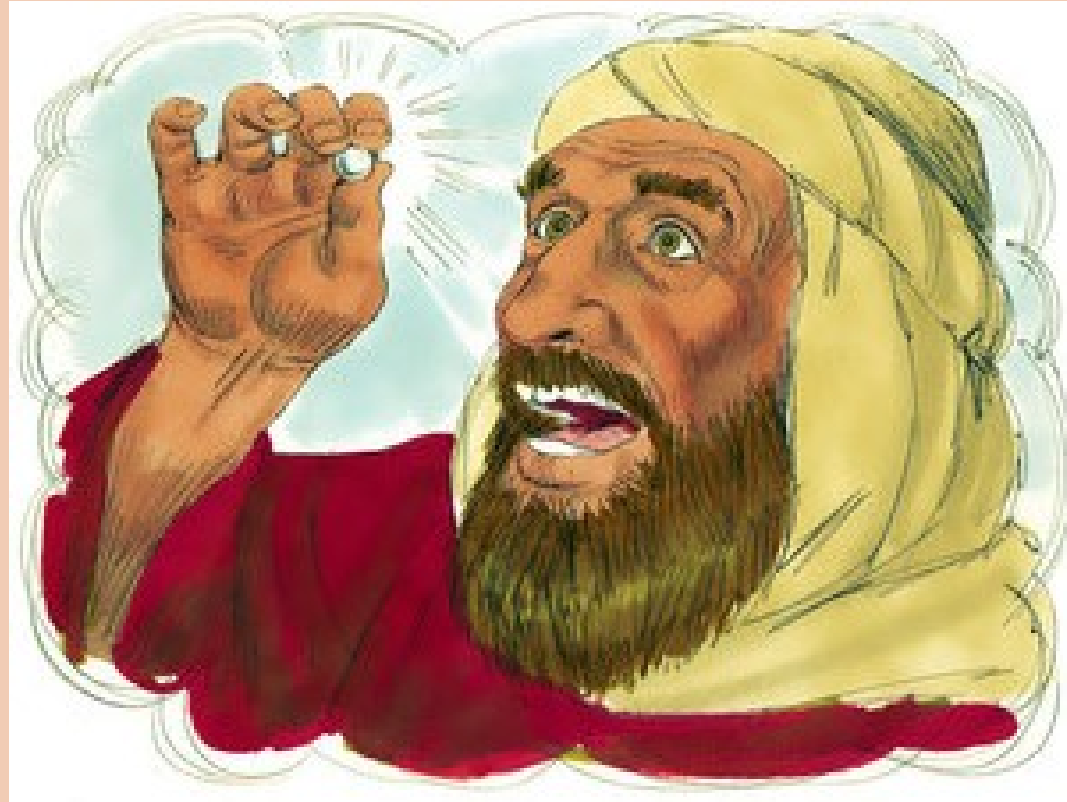


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# The Precious Pearl

## 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>