

# Sunday School Grade 3 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 Christ Was Born In A Manger

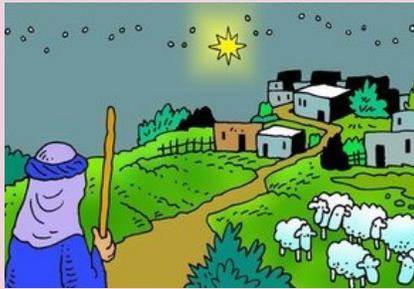
## Lessons for the Month of January

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**

- Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem in a stable.
- Shepherds were taking care of their sheep at night.
- The angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds. They were afraid.
- The angel of the Lord told the Shepherds about the birth of Jesus.
- The shepherds went to Bethlehem to see Jesus.
- “And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger”. (Luke 2:16)

# Word Bank

- Bethlehem



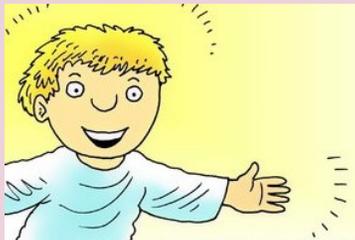
- Shepherds



- Sheep



- Angel of the Lord



- Manger



- Stable



**Objective: To show the children the love of God that He became a baby like us to know how we feel.**



**Memory Verse: “For to you is born this day  
in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ  
the Lord” (Luke 2:11)**



**Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem in a stable.**



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# Shepherds where taking care of their sheep at night.



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# Christ Was Born In A Manger

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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/Grade03.pdf>