#### Sunday School Grade 6 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 Epiphany: Baptism Lessons for the Month of January

#### Lesson Outline: Week 3

- Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River.
- Baptism washes our heart from sin. We are born again in Christ.
- Chrism is the coming of the Holy Spirit inside us.
- John the Baptist received the Holy Spirit when he was in the womb.
- Baptism is like Noah's ark. The ark had water all around.
- Baptism is like crossing the red sea. The water was all around and the cloud above.

#### **Word Bank**

Baptism



Jordan River



Chrism



Womb



Noah's Ark



Red Sea



#### Objective: Baptism is the new birth



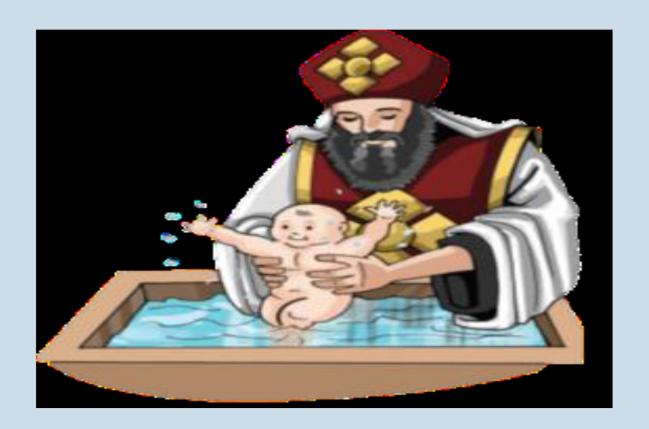
# Memory Verse: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew3:17)



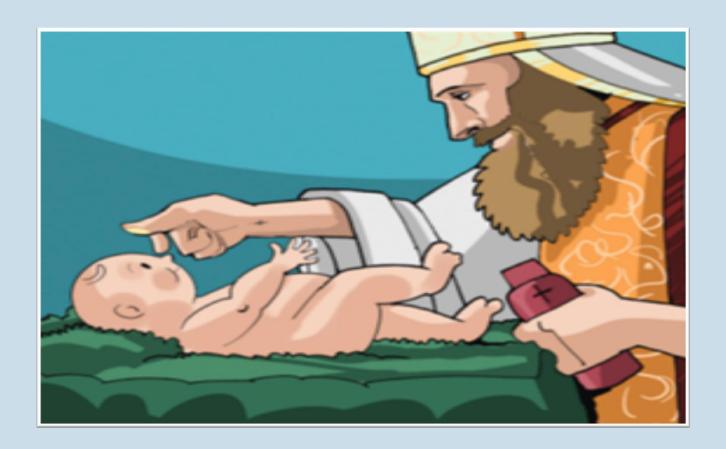
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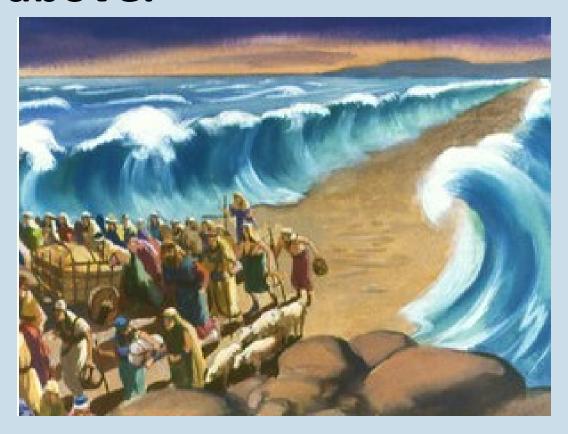
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#### Conclusion

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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/Grade06.pdf