

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 Christ Appears After Resurrection

Lessons for Pentecost

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**

- Mary Magdalene went looking for Jesus in the tomb. She did not see Jesus standing right next to her.
- Mary should have looked for Jesus among the living not the dead.
- The Disciples were afraid. Jesus appeared to them and gave them courage.
- Thomas was not there when Jesus appeared to the Disciples. He believed when Jesus showed him His wounds.
- Peter was sad because he denied Christ. Jesus comforted him. Peter repented.
- Jesus is the good shepherd. Peter lived and died for Christ. He knew that Jesus died for our salvation.

Word Bank

- **Mary Magdalene**



- **Tomb**



- **Disciples**



- **St. Thomas**



- **Wounds**



- **Shepherd**



Objective: How Christ solves problems through His glorious Resurrection.



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Memory Verse: “If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain” (1 Corinthians 15:14)



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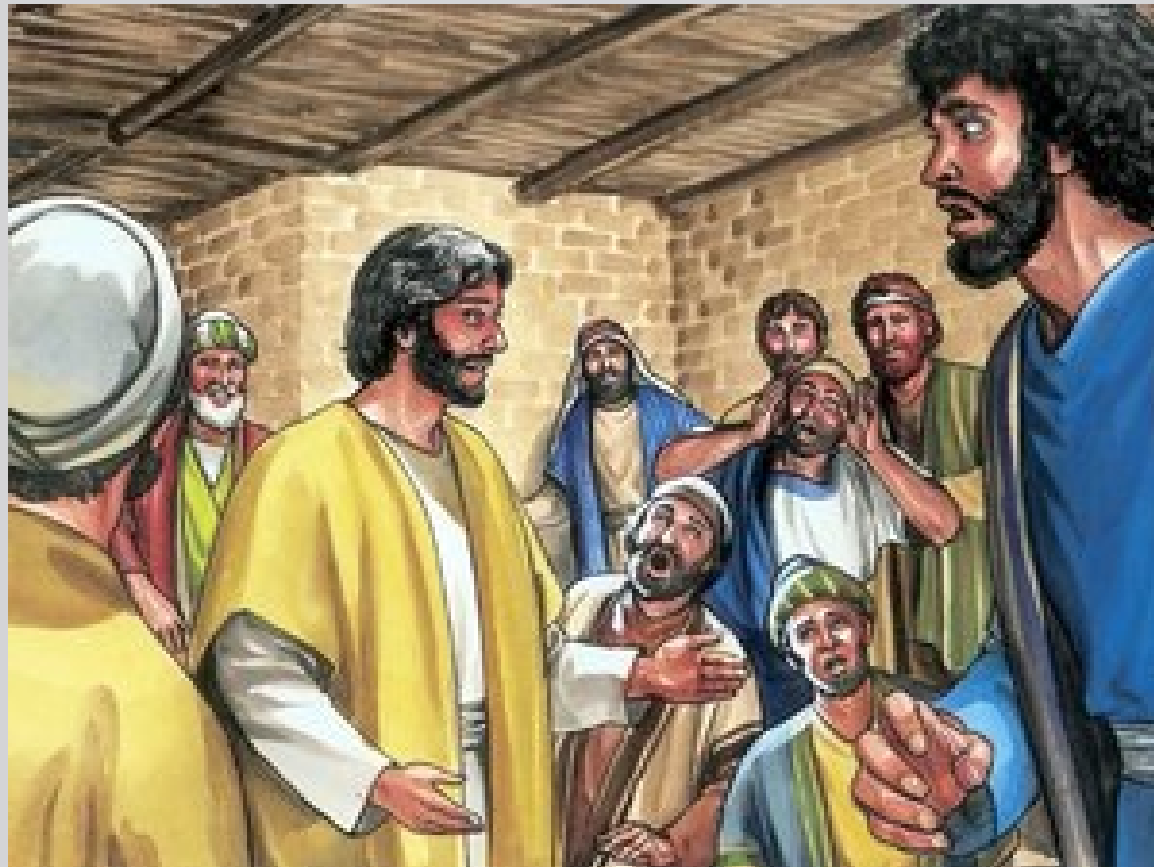
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- **Conclusion**

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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/Grade08.pdf>