### Sunday School Grade 4 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 Lord is the Good Shepherd

#### **Lessons for the Pentecost**

- Lesson Outline: Week 1
  - The shepherd cares for all the sheep. He carries a staff and a bamboo stick.
  - He protects the sheep from the beasts and taps them to keep them from doing something bad.
  - Our Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd and he takes care of us. He sacrificed himself for us.
  - Our parents, Sunday School Servants, and priests are shepherds in our life that love and help us.
  - Your parents and Sunday school Servants teach you how to be a good Christian.
  - Your priests and bishops pray for you, baptize you, give you communion, and the unction of the sick.

#### **Word Bank**

Cares



Protects



Sacrificed



Love



Christian



Sick



Objective: The children should know that God is caring for them and their needs. They should listen and obey the word of God from the Bible and the church.



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Memory verse: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalms 23:1)



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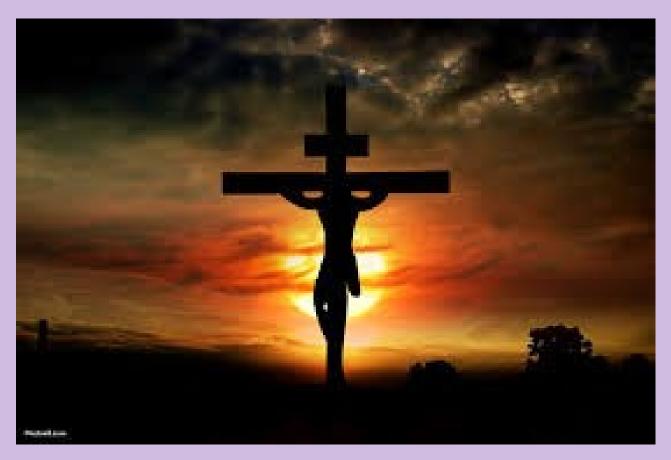
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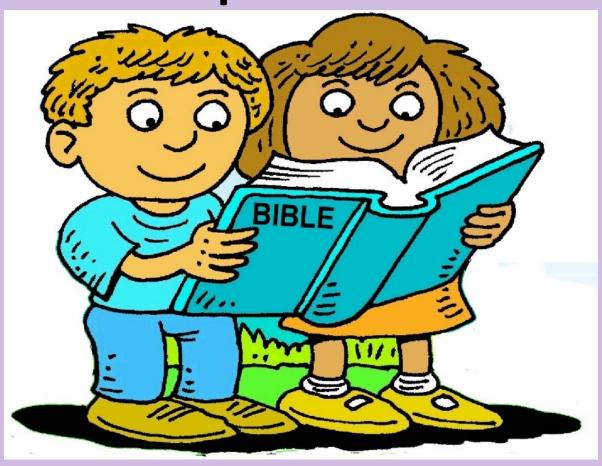
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#### The Lord is the Good Shepherd Lessons for the Pentecost

#### 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/Grade04.pdf