

Sunday School Grade 0

A.G.A.P.E. Curriculum

[Appreciating God-Given Abilities of Persons with Exceptionalities]



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- The A.G.A.P.E. 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 Jesus and St. Thomas

Lessons for the Pentecost

- **Lesson Outline: Week 2**

- The disciples were in a room together praying.
- Jesus Christ appeared in the middle without opening the door or the window.
- He showed them the marks on His hands and they were happy to see Him.
- Thomas was not there and he did not believe that Jesus had come.
- Eight days later, Jesus came again and Thomas was there.
- Jesus told Thomas to feel the marks in His hands. Thomas believed.

Word Bank

- Disciples



- Thomas



- Appeared



- Eight days



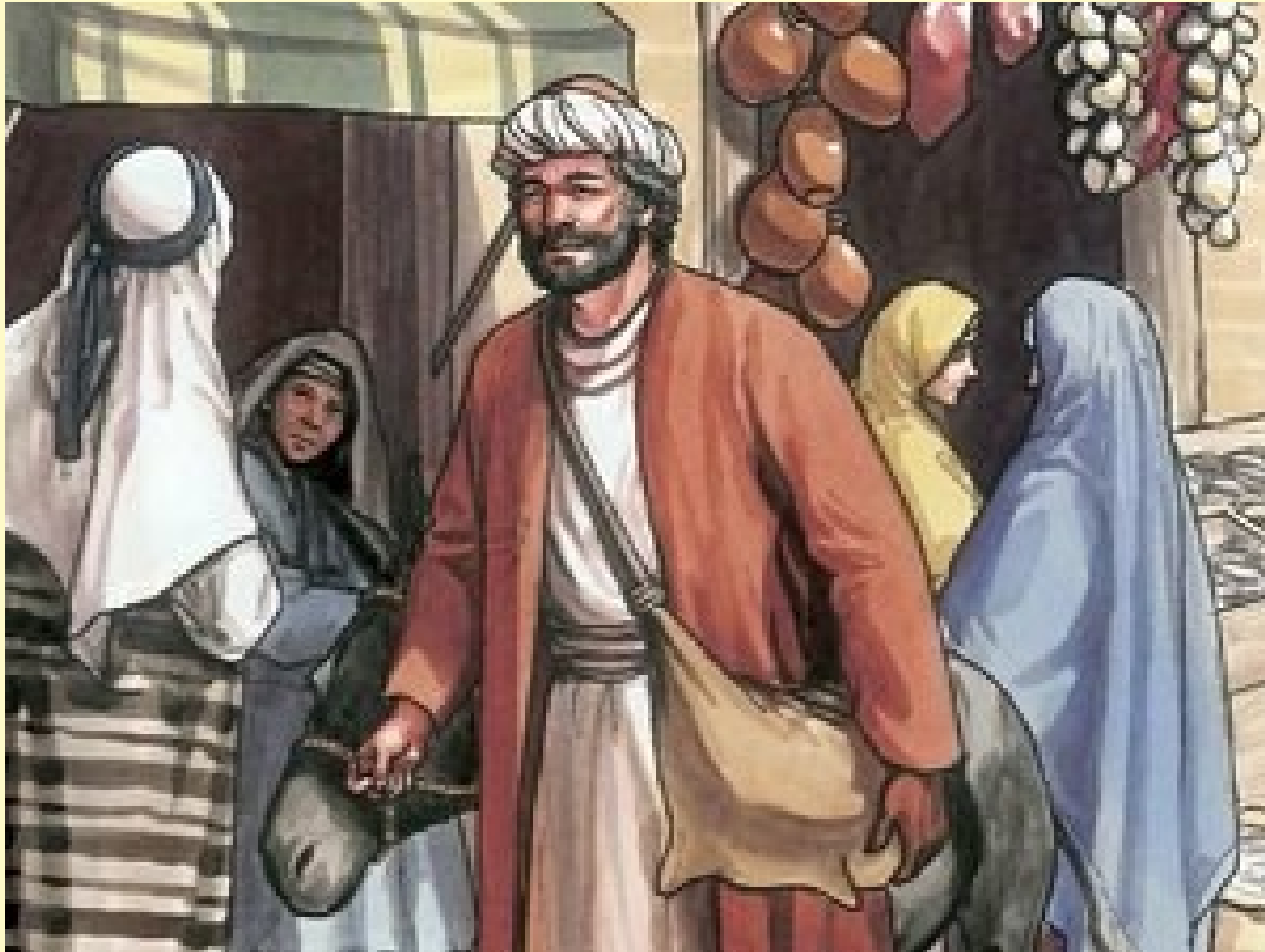
- Marks



- Believed



Objective: Teach the children the story of the doubtful Thomas.



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Memory Verse: “Do not be unbelieving, but believing” (John 20:27)



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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/Grade00.pdf>