

# 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 Appears to St. Paul

## Lessons for the Pentecost

- **Lesson Outline: Week 5**

- Saul hated the church and the Christians. He caught them and put them in prisons.
- One day while he was going to catch Christians, a strong light shone around him.
- Jesus Christ talked to him and asked why are you refusing me and My people?
- Saul fell to the ground and asked Jesus what to do. Jesus told him to meet Ananias.
- Saul became blind but when Ananias put his hands on his eyes he could see again.
- He became Christian and was baptized. He changed his name to Paul.

# Word Bank

- Hated



- Saul

- Catch



- Ananias

- Asked



- Baptized



**Objective: To learn the story of the conversation between God and St. Paul.**



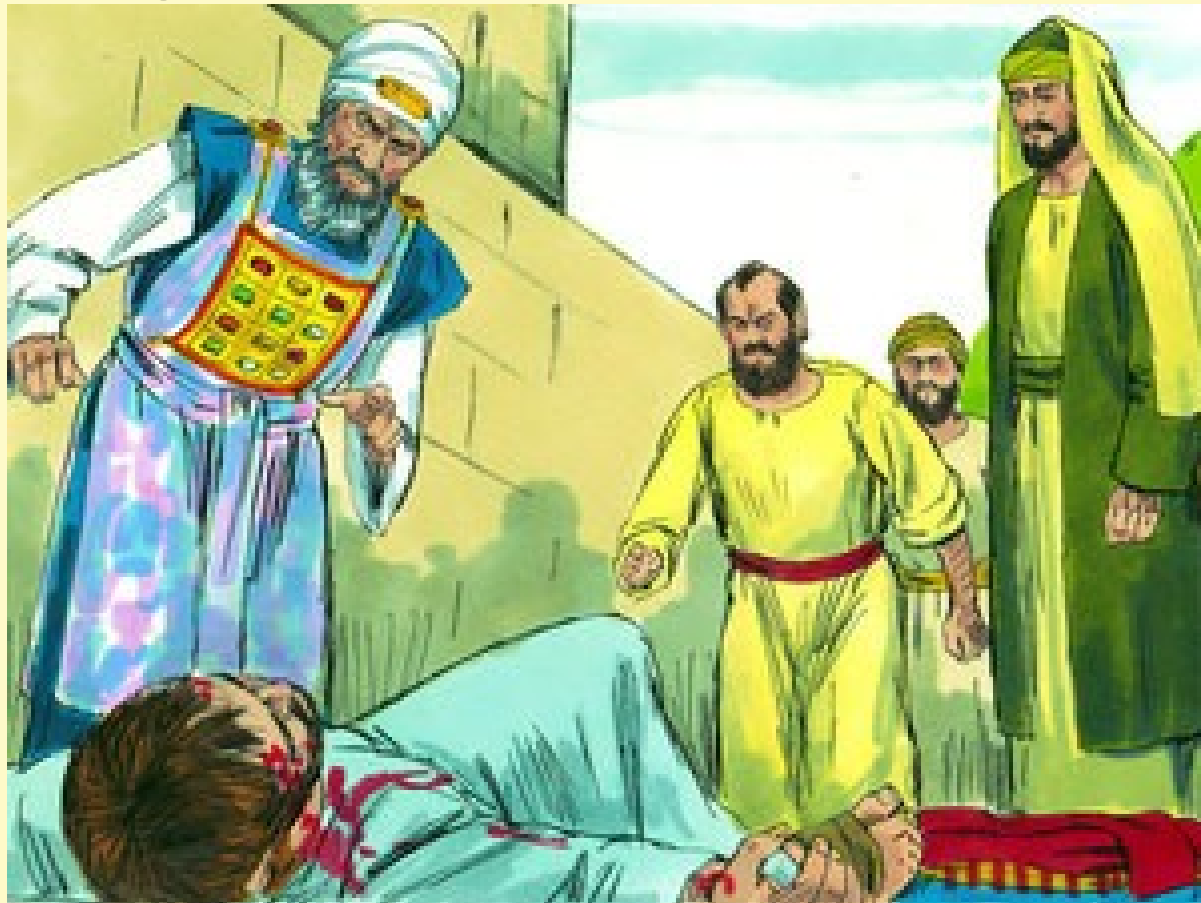
**Memory Verse: “A light shone around him from heaven” (Acts 9:3)**



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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>