Sunday School Grade 1 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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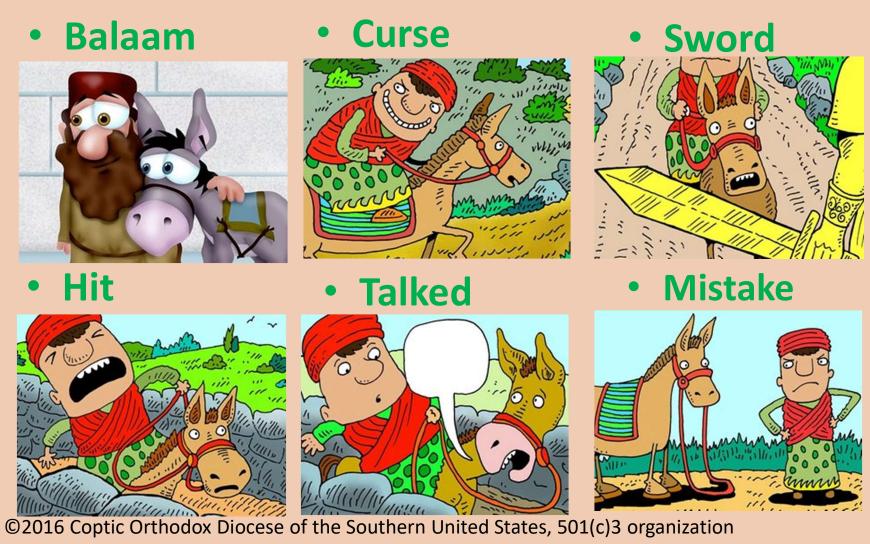
- Inclusion is an important aspect of the social and learning paradigm of individuals with special needs.
- Stewards serving children and youth with special needs should try to integrate the students in the mainstream classes for as much time as can be tolerated by the student with special needs.
- Integration and inclusion foster friendships among the same age peer group.

Preparation for Balaam and His Donkey Lessons for the month of August

Lesson Outline: Week 2

- Balaam had a nice donkey that he took with him everywhere.
- Balaam wanted to curse the children of God and took the donkey with him.
- The donkey saw an angel with a sword and did not move.
- Balaam hit it hard three times.
- Then the donkey talked and asked what it had done wrong.
- Balaam saw the angel and knew that he was making a mistake. So he took the donkey back home.

Word Bank



Objective: Kindness to animals.



Memory Verse: "Having compassion for one another" (1 Peter 3:8)



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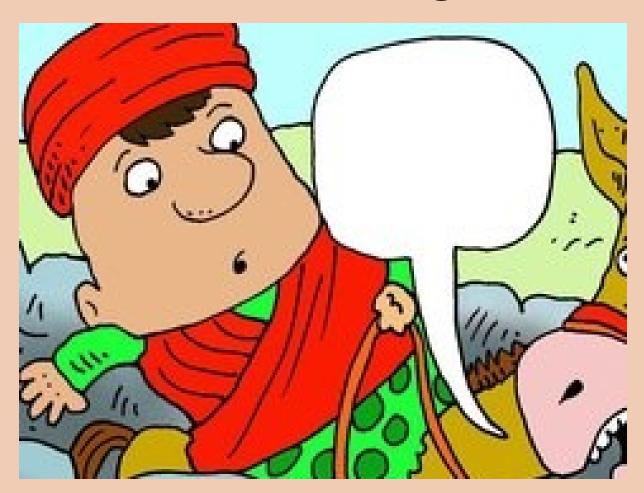
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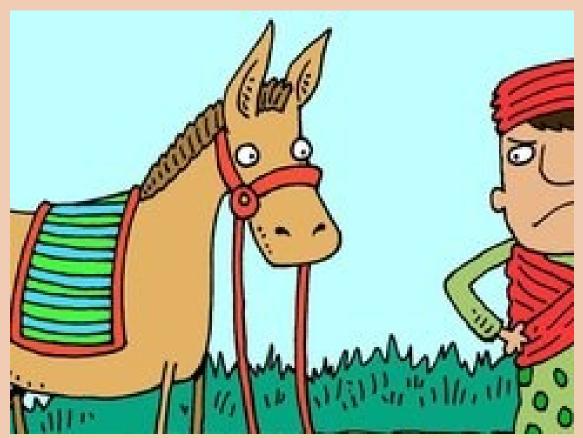
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Conclusion

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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/Grade01.pdf