

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 The Fig Tree

Lessons for the month of September

- **Lesson Outline: Week 1**

- A man decided to plant a fig tree in his garden and waited a year.
- The tree didn't produce any figs. He waited another year, then three more.
- There was no figs, so he told the gardener to cut it down.
- The gardener told him to give it another chance.
- God is like the man and we are like the trees.
- God gets upset when we do something wrong. He gives us several chances to correct it.

Word Bank

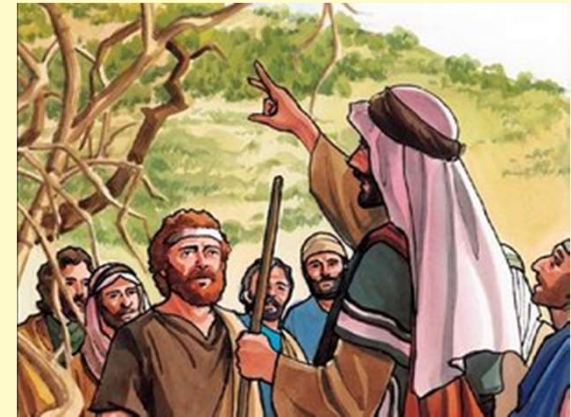
- Fig tree



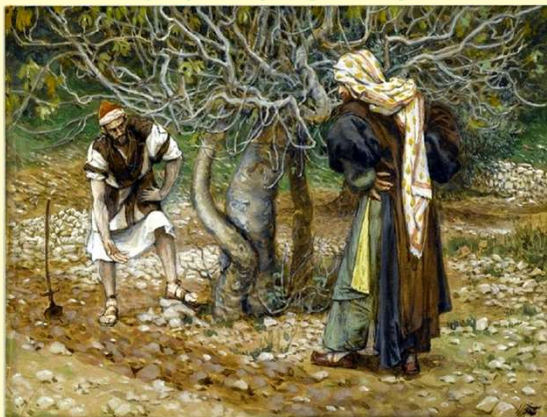
- Waited



- Cut



- Gardener



- We



- Chances



Objective: To remember that God is watching us closely. God always wants us to do the right things.



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**Memory Verse: “Let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it”
(Luke 13:8)**



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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>