

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 Feast of the Virgin Mary: Her Departure

Lessons for the month of August

- **Lesson Outline: Week 3**

- After Christ's ascension, St. Mary was in the house of St. John the beloved.
- She blessed the disciples before she departed, but St. Thomas wasn't there.
- A voice told him to receive the blessing of her pure body. But he didn't believe that she had departed.
- When the disciples went to the tomb they did not find her. St. Thomas told them that her body rose to heaven.
- The disciples fasted for fifteen days and they saw the scene on the 16th of Mesra.
- The virgin also appeared to many people. She appeared in Zeitoun on the 2nd of April in 1968.

Word Bank

- Ascension



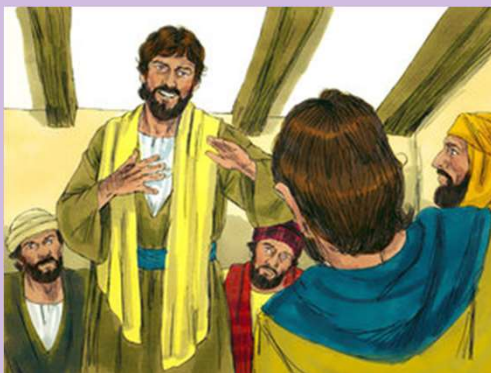
- Departed



- Receive



- St. Thomas



- Fasted



- Zeitoun



Objective: God honors those who love Him.



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**Memory Verse: “For, behold, hence forth
all generations will call me blessed” (Luke
1:48)**



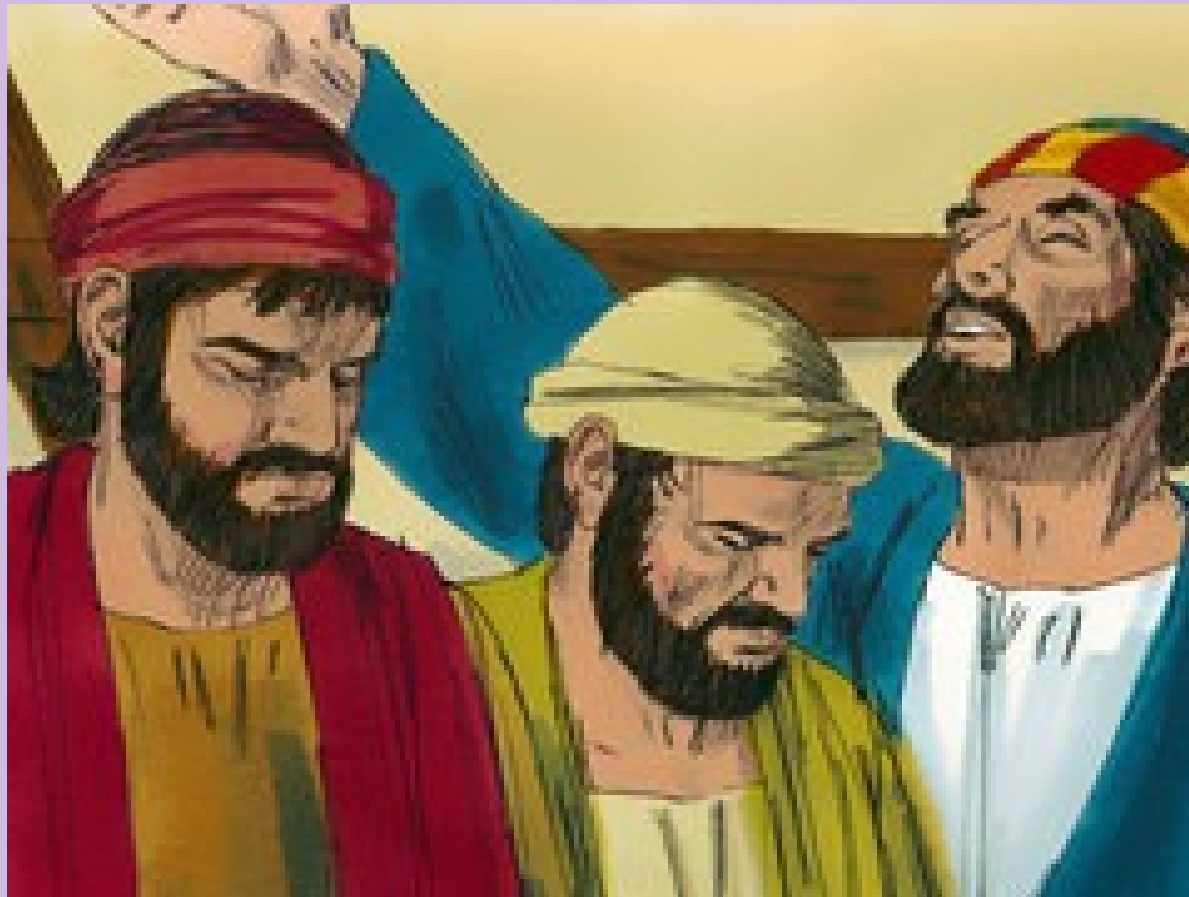
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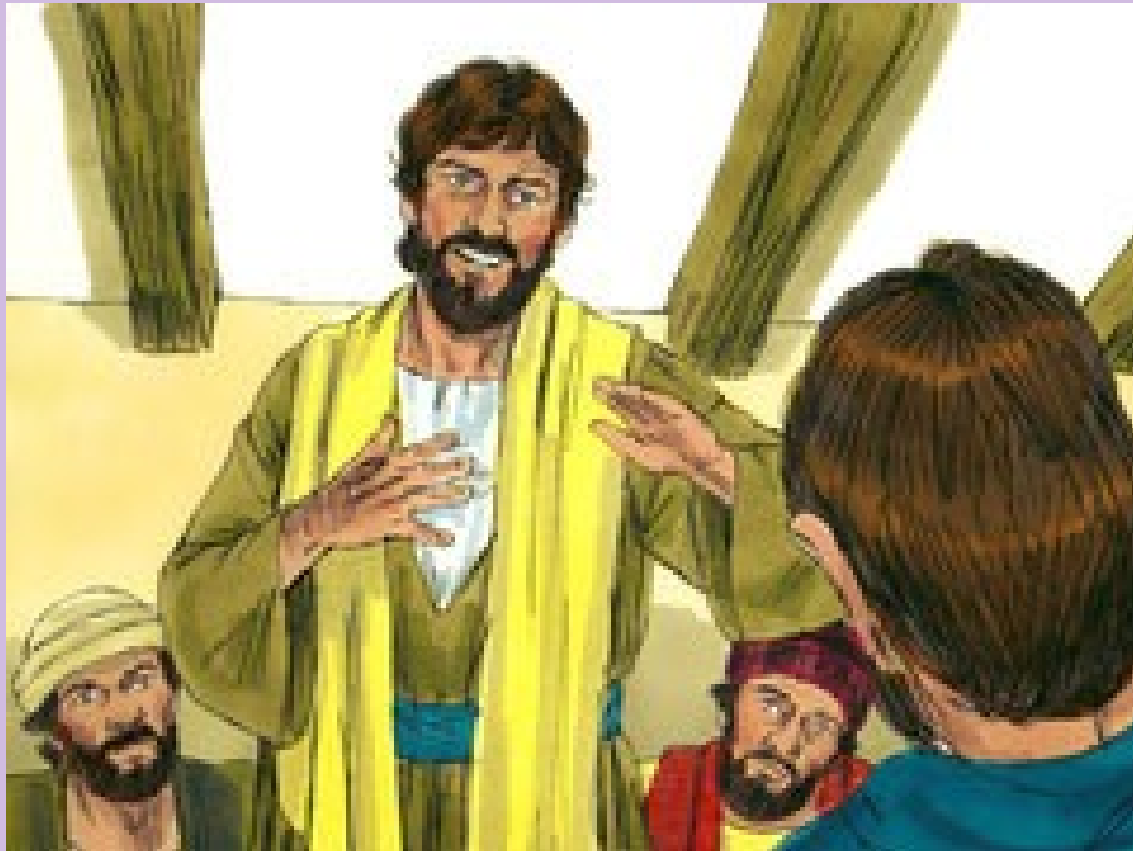


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- **Conclusion**
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- To God be the glory, forever, Amen.

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/Grade04.pdf>