

Sunday School Grade Pre-School

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 Shepherds Visit Baby Jesus

Lessons for the Month of December

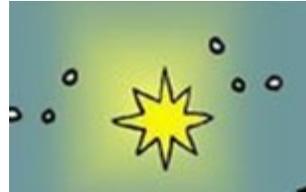
- **Lesson Outline: Week 4**
 - There were shepherds in the field when Jesus was born.
 - They saw an angel in the sky that told them about Jesus.
 - The angel told them where to find Jesus.
 - Suddenly the sky was full of angels.
 - They sang *“Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth.”*
 - The shepherds rejoiced when they saw Jesus.

Word Bank

- Baby Jesus



- Star



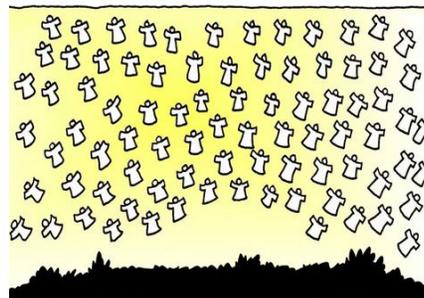
- Shepherds



- Field



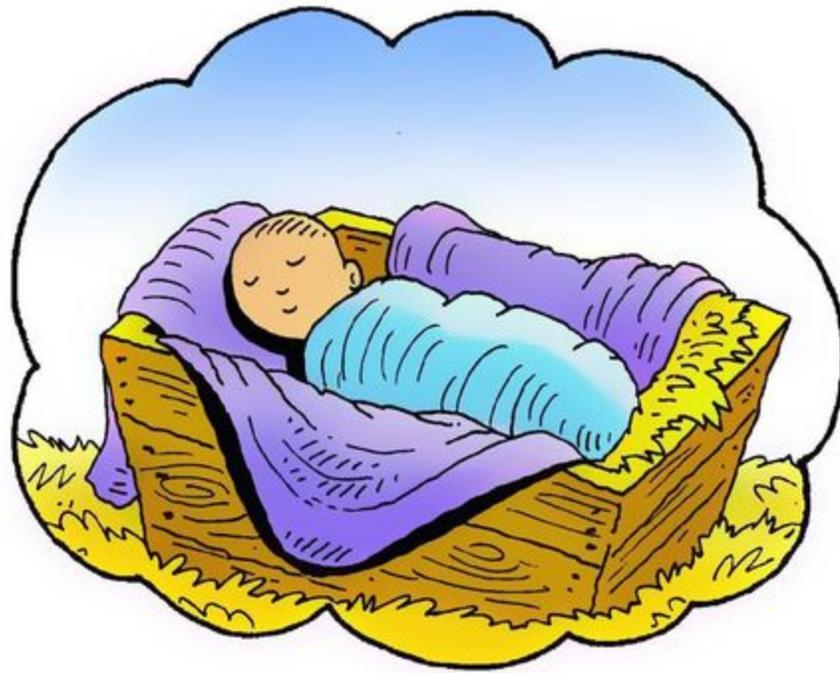
- Angels



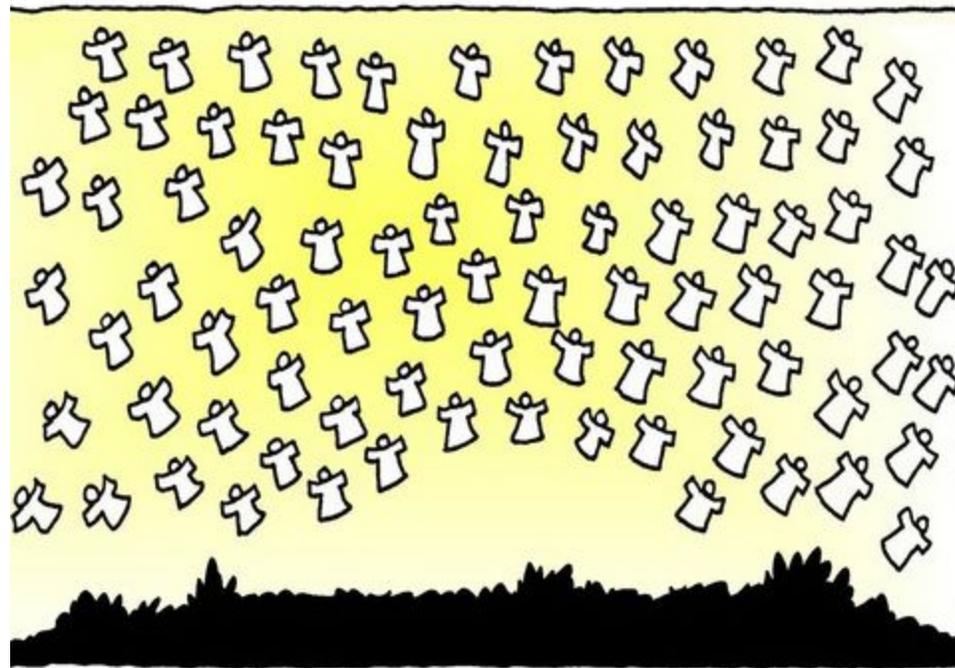
- Rejoice



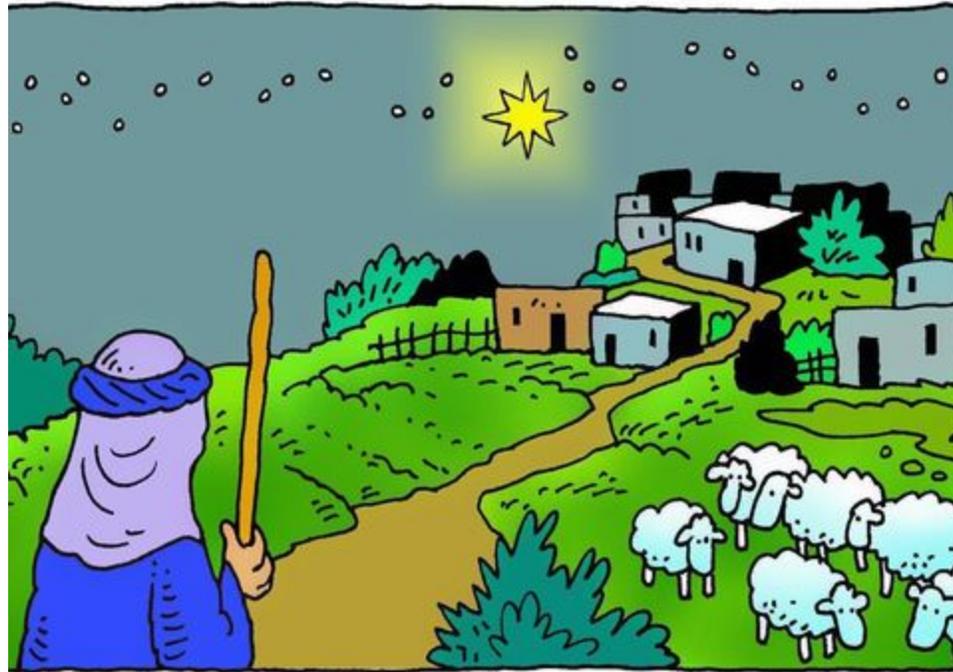
Objective: Learn that Jesus came as a baby, because He loves us.



Memory Verse: *“Glory to God in the highest”* Luke 2:14



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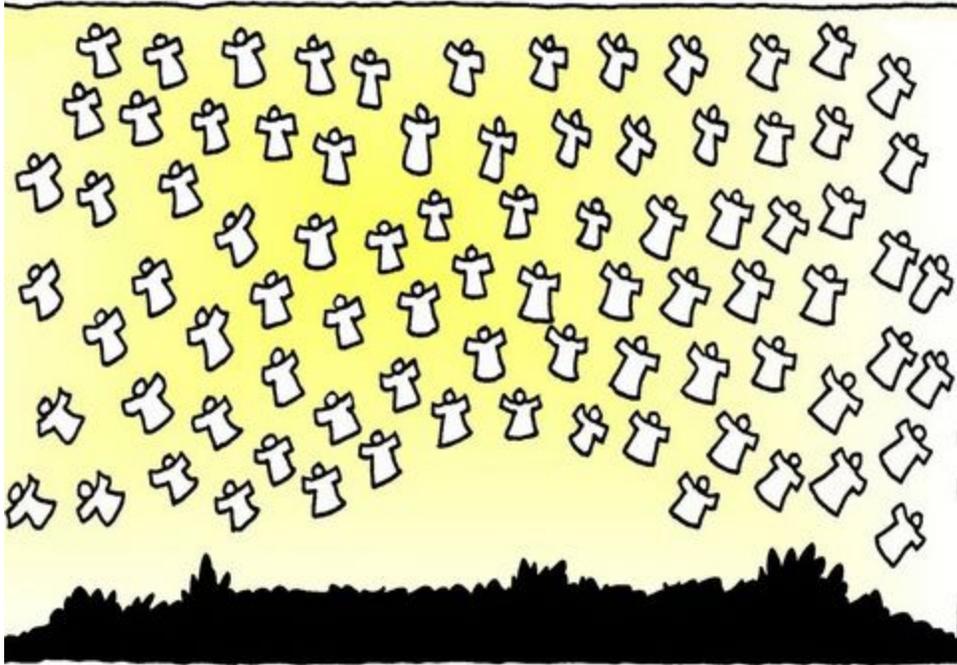
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Shepherds Visit Baby Jesus

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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/Grade-PreK.pdf>