

Jesus Taught Us How to Pray



WE PRAY TOGETHER



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Dear God in heaven, every day we remember you. Through our prayers, we talk to you, and you listen. Amen.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER



Every Christmas, the Sunday School collected money to send to needy children. Mrs. Ashjian said to her class, "There are children in the world who are very poor and will not have a package to open this Christmas!"

"So this year, for our Christmas project, we will collect money to buy school supplies for children in Armenia. They will be so happy to receive pencils, pen, and markers to use in school. A note will go home to your parents today to explain the project. Think about ways you can earn money for these children."

There were so many questions. They could hardly wait for dismissal time to talk with their parents about the project. This year they were going to share their Christmas with a child in Armenia!



GOD'S WORD TO US

The crowds had gathered on a mountainside to hear Jesus' words. He spoke to them about many things: loving one another, keeping promises, doing kind things for others, and prayer. Prayer is a way of talking with God.



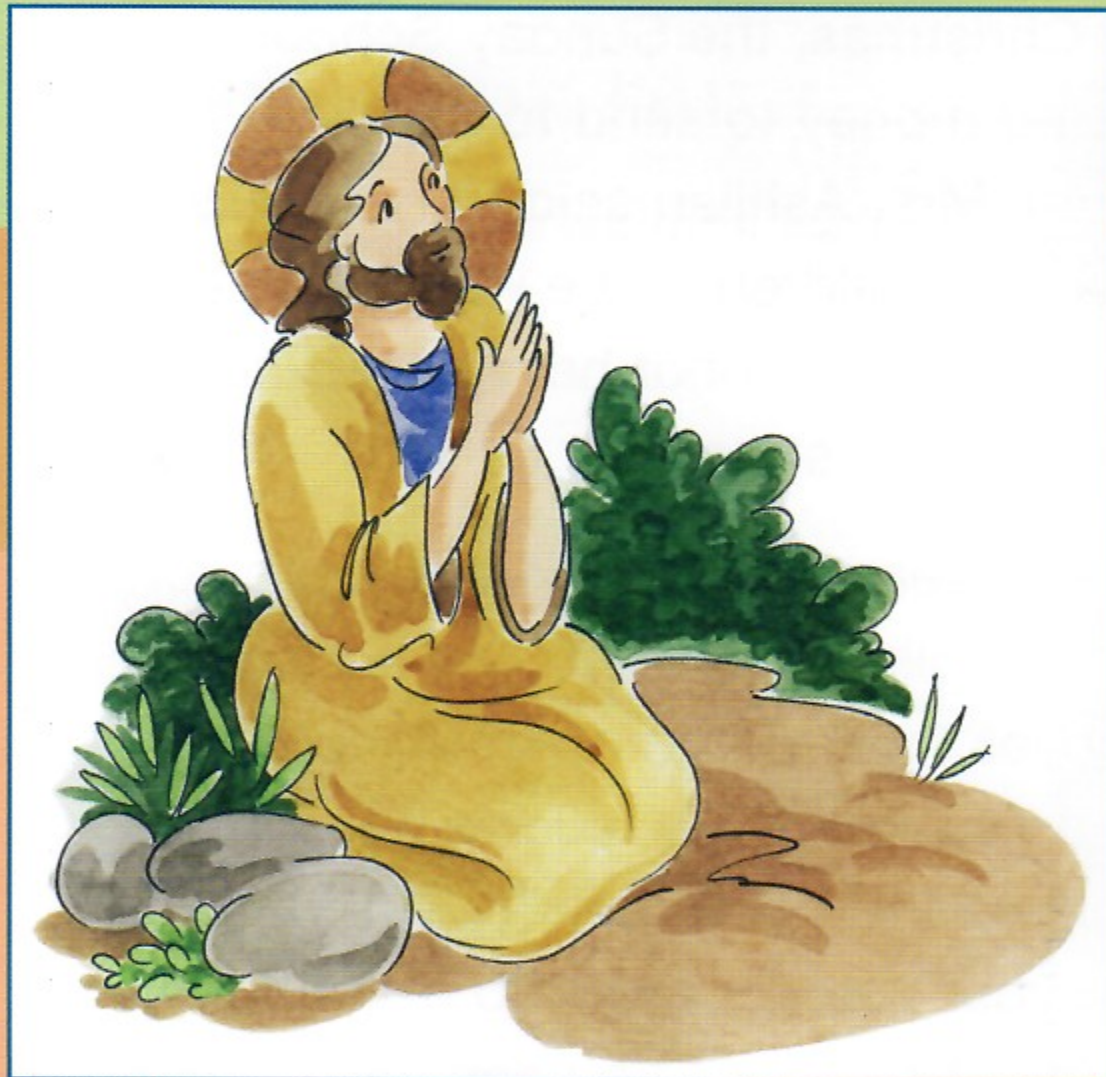
Jesus said, "You should pray like this:

Our Father who art in heaven Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done. On earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen."

Matthew 6:5-15



WE LEARN ABOUT GOD

Jesus prayed to God. Whenever he felt lonely or sad, he would talk with God in heaven. Jesus taught his disciples the same prayer that we say in church every Sunday. It is called the Hayr Mer or the Lord's Prayer. In Armenian, *Hayr* means "father" and *Mer* means "our."

There are many kinds of prayer:

There is a prayer we can say before we begin to work.

There is a prayer we can say before going to bed.

There is a prayer we can say before a meeting.

There is a prayer we can say before a trip.

There is a prayer we can say before we eat, and there is a prayer we say when we finish our meal.

There is a prayer when we get up in the morning.

And, of course, there is the Lord's prayer, *Hayr Mer*.

OUR ARMENIAN WAY

This is the way the Hayr Mer prayer begins:

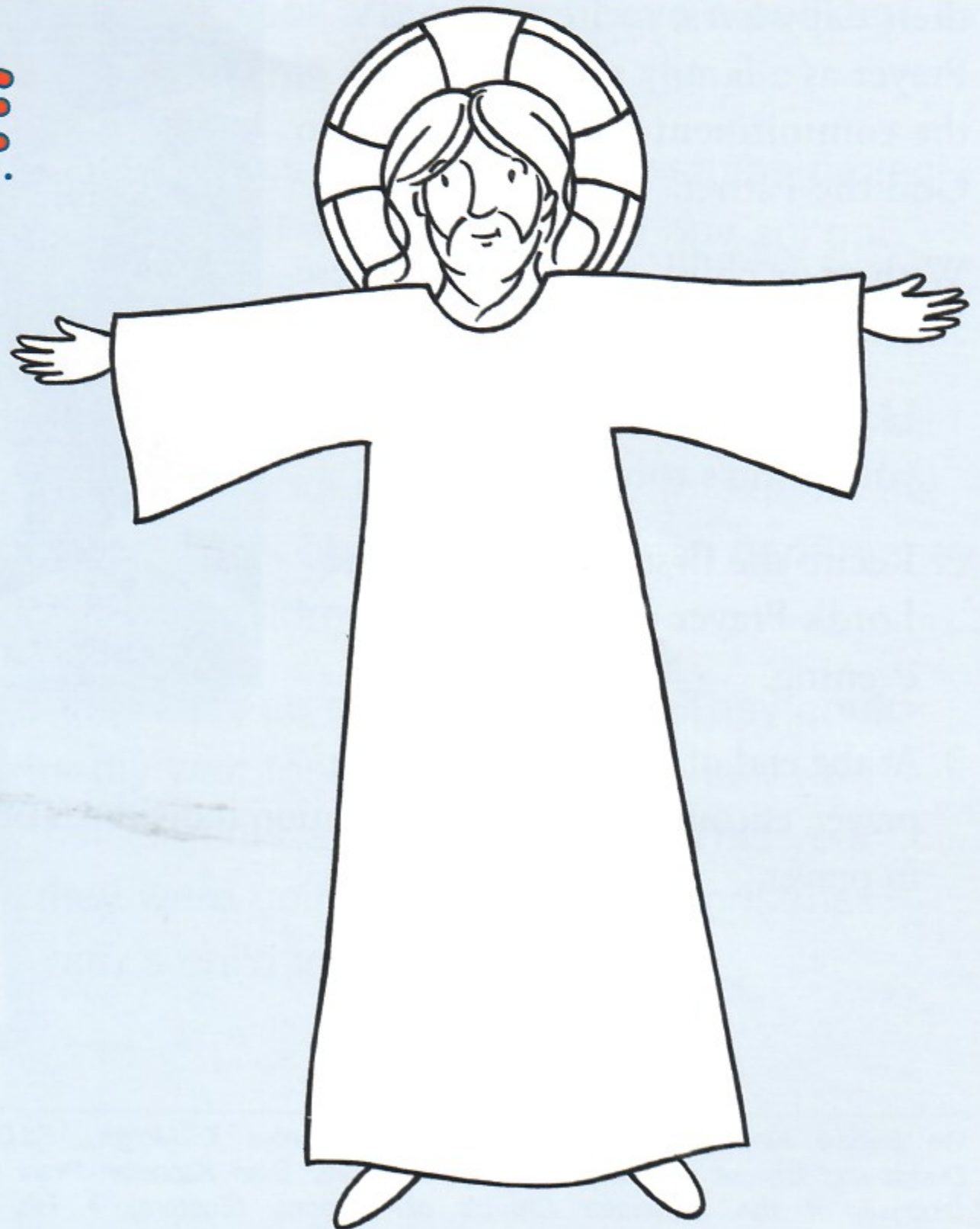
Hayr Mer	Our Father,
vor hergins yes	who art in heaven
soorp yeghitzi	hallowed be
anoon ko.	thy name.

This means, God in heaven, we love you. We will always think of you and say your name with respect.



WE CELEBRATE

Jesus taught us to pray to our loving Father in heaven. Our Hayr Mer mobile will help us learn the prayer!





FAMILY PAGE

SHARING OUR FAITH

The Lord's Prayer (*Hayr Mer*) was the focus of today's lesson. From the Bible passage, the children learned how Jesus taught the disciples to pray the Lord's Prayer. This prayer teaches us many things – to be thankful, forgive, make good choices, live according to the word of God.

LIVING OUR FAITH

As you help your children learn to make decisions and choices in their daily lives, recite the Lord's Prayer as a family and remember the commitment you are making to God the Father.

With your child, select one of these activities that you can do together:

1. Hang the Hayr Mer mobile in your child's room.
2. Recite the first four lines of the Lord's Prayer together every evening.
3. At the end of your child's evening prayer, encourage him/her to mention individuals or groups who need to be remembered in prayer.

