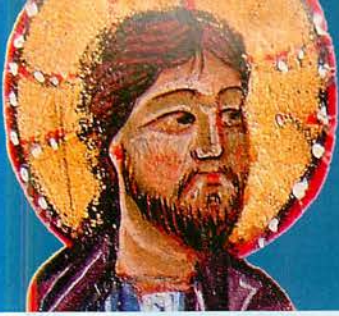


# The Face of Christ



## Pray Together

Hanoon Hor, yev Vortvo, yev Hokvooyñ Surpo, Amen. Lord Jesus, we know that you came to make the world a better place. Before you gave yourself for the sin of all, you healed the sick and cared for those in need. Please help me to see everyone I meet the way you see them. Help me to understand the needs of others and to be of assistance to those in need. Remind me that I should not judge others, because I am not perfect – merely forgiven.

Litany from the Armenian Divine Liturgy

## Chapter Checkup

Answer the following questions by writing “true” or “false” in the space provided.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Three famous Armenian saints are Gregory, Nersess, and Caesar
2. \_\_\_\_\_ You do not have to be famous to be a saint.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul was very good to Christians all his life.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Vartan Mamigonian fought the Persians because the Armenians wanted more territory.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Vartan was killed at the Battle of Avarayr.

## Seeing Jesus Everywhere

What do you believe most people think when they see a homeless person on the street?

Read Matthew 25:34-46. What do you think Jesus means by this?

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When you think about the people helped by Jesus during his ministry on earth, you will notice that most of them were poor, sick, or even dead. By his example, we know that he wants us to care for those who are suffering in some way. In Romans 3:23 Paul writes, “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” This means we are not to judge other people, because we ourselves are far from perfect.



Someone may not have a nice house or car, or even any house or car at all, but they are still precious to God. A person may be very physically unattractive, or be unpopular, or have to take remedial classes in school, but they are no less valuable to our Lord than someone who has many advantages. In fact, Jesus warned the rich and powerful not to be too concerned with their money or position. We can grow in grace (the gift of blessings and goodness from God) and holiness only by seeing all people with love, as Jesus did, and by imitating his mercy and kindness.

As Jesus showed his compassion to Jews, God's chosen people, and non-Jews alike, so should we show equal respect to all, no matter what their race, religion, or any other factor.

## One Family in Christ

When you hear people discuss religion, they often focus on the differences in the ways we believe. As you know, there are many different churches even within Christianity. We are all familiar with the Catholic, Lutheran, Greek Orthodox, Baptist, Episcopal, and many other Christian churches. Although there are differences in some of the specific practices or ideas of the various churches, we are all united in the belief that Jesus Christ is the Savior. We recognize that he paid the full penalty for our sins when he died on the Cross and came back to life on Easter Sunday.

Below are some basic ideas shared by most Christians:



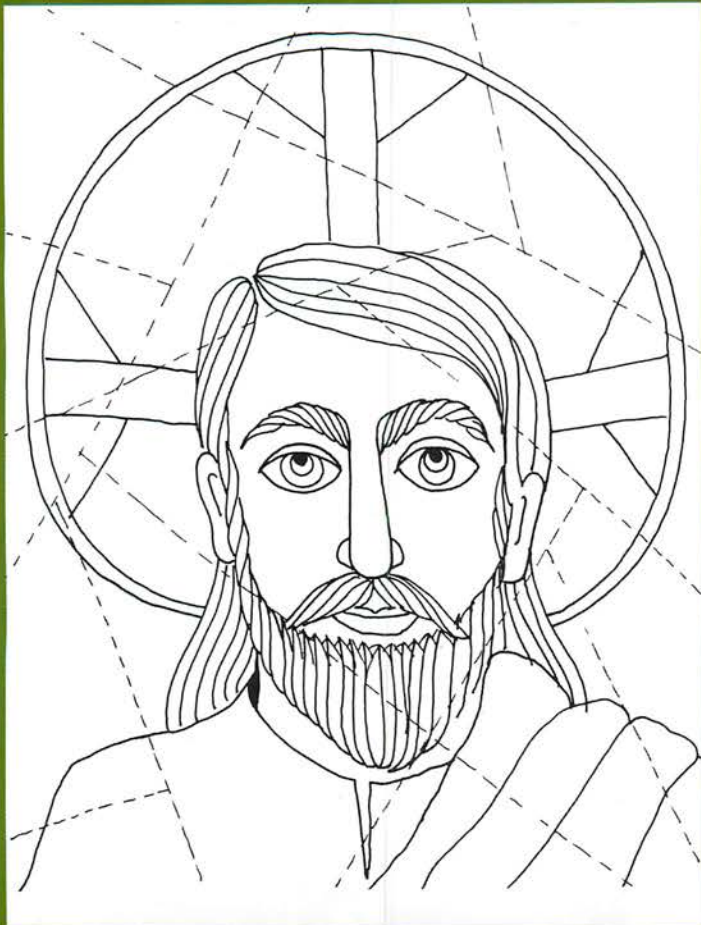
- We believe in One God.
- God shows himself to us in the three persons of the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus the Son paid the punishment for our sins by his Death and Resurrection.
- Jesus was born by the Holy Spirit to the Virgin Mary.
- Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- The Bible is God's word to us.
- Jesus lived a life of service to others, so we should do the same.



# Our Armenian Way

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### Faith Word

#### Grace

God's love and blessings upon us, freely given

## FAMILY FOCUS: For Parents



### Lesson Roundup

Today your child's class explored how Jesus wants us to follow his example of love, service, and compassion. The children read that we are all equally precious to God, and they designed an ecumenical service as a group.

### Family Faith Activity

Our Lord has given us a mandate to love and help others, and to see everyone as beloved by him. Try to perform one of the following activities with your family.

1. Read James 5:13-16 with your family.
2. Conduct a family discussion on what God might have to say about religious conflict.
3. Look in your local newspaper for a volunteer day in your area. Help out as a family.

### A Parent's Promise

Yes, I read the Lesson Roundup \_\_\_\_\_ and tried at least one activity as a family \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_