

We Pray Together

Dear Jesus, thank you for our church family everywhere in the world and for the chance to pray, learn, and share your love with one another.

Hanoon Hor, yev Vortvo, yev Hokvooyv Srpo. Amen.

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Let's Discover

A compliment is saying something nice about someone else.

In the Bible, we learn all about loving one another!

Serve one another
Galatians 5:13

Accept one another
Romans 15:7

Care about one another
Romans 12:10

Honor one another
Romans 12:10

Encourage one another
1 Thess. 5:11

How did you feel after each compliment that you wrote about your friend?

How did you feel after reading the compliment that your classmates wrote about you?





Kasparian Family Thanksgiving Dilemma - Can You Help?

Mrs. Kasparian was a little worried. Thanksgiving was her favorite holiday and it was only a month away and she didn't quite know how she was going to get everything ready. The tradition was that all of Mr. and Mrs. Kasparian's family, including both grandmas and grandpas, and all the brothers and sisters and their families would celebrate together. At last count there were 52 people on the list. Instead of worrying so much, the Kasparians held a family meeting and decided that the best solution would be to have everyone pitch in.

As a class, brainstorm a list of all the things you think that the family would need do in order to pitch in to have an enjoyable celebration.

Our Story

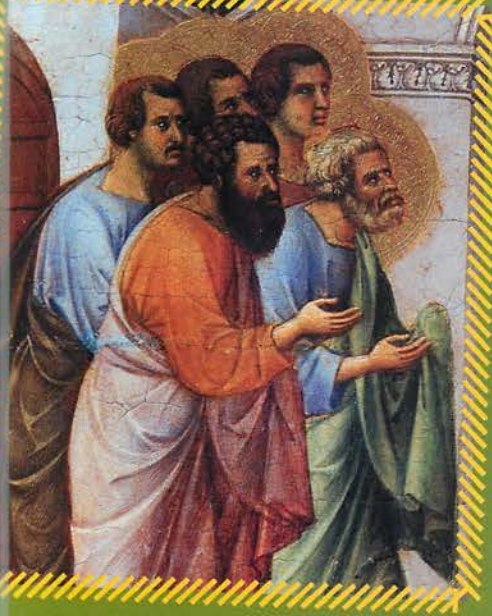
Stone Soup by Marcia Brown, is a classic story about how one village worked together to make the best soup ever. In many ways, stone soup reminds us of our church. Just like all the different ingredients, our church community comes together and shares their talents and gifts so that our church will grow and be successful.



God's Word

The apostles worked hard to spread the word of Jesus to others. They taught people about Jesus every day and amazed the crowds with miracles. On one particular day in Jerusalem, there was a crowd of 3000 new Christians listening and eagerly learning about Jesus from the apostles. The early Christians enjoyed fellowship as they met together and shared what they had with one another, just like one family. They shared meals and they prayed together. God blessed the early Christians by helping their church grow larger and larger. This was the start of the early church.

Based on Acts 2:42-47



We Learn About God

Our Scripture reading for this lesson describes the early Church. The first Christians were a great example of teamwork and community. They did the following:

- Learned about God
- Broke bread in Holy Communion
- Prayed together
- Praised God
- Looked for miracles
- Spent time together in fellowship
- Shared with others
- Looked for those in need
- Were happy and sincere
- Grew in number

Look at the list above, which items describe your church community?



Faith Word

Breaking Bread

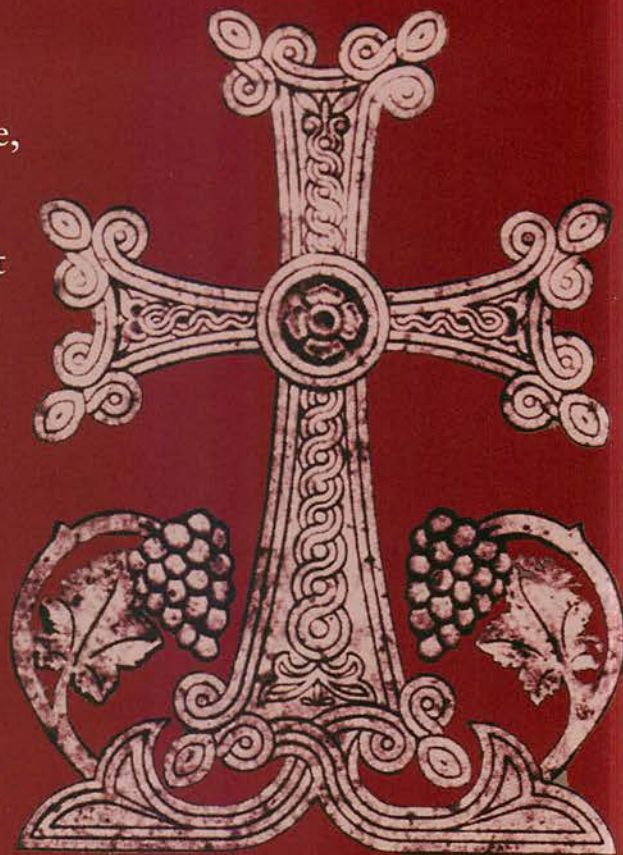
Eating together, sharing a meal. In the early Church, it meant remembering the Last Supper of Jesus.

Our Armenian Way

If you were to look at a map of the world or a globe, you would be surprised at how many Armenian churches you would find. What's amazing about our Armenian church and our Soorp Badarak is that wherever you might be in the world, you would fit right in because Armenian churches all celebrate the same Badarak! All of the Armenian churches are doing just as the early Christians did: praying, breaking bread, learning, and sharing fellowship.

How many countries did you count that contain an Armenian church? _____.

Where were you surprised to find an Armenian church?
_____.



Handmade With Love

Our church community offers something special for each and every one of us. Think about what you like most about coming to church. What do you look forward to the most? On the paper quilt square, illustrate your thought. Your piece will be added to a larger class quilt and displayed in a special place at church.

For My Family

Sharing Our Faith

In today's lesson, the students learned about the church community and the early Church. Each one of us is an important part of a greater community. The Armenian Church all over the world has carried on with the tradition of the early Church by learning, praying, breaking bread, and having fellowship with one another.

Living Our Faith

1. Actively participate in the Divine Liturgy and receive Holy Communion with your family.
2. Create a list of people who need prayer.
3. Try to create time at home for Bible study.
4. Offer to help organize a Sunday School-sponsored fellowship hour with refreshments.