

Unit Four* The Church Family* Being Together Peace



We Speak to God

Dear Lord, we pray for peace in our world, in the hearts of those who are troubled and sick, and in the hearts of our friends and loved ones.

Help us to be peacemakers +Hanoon Hor, yev Vortvo, yev Hokvooyn Srpo. Amen.

Let's Talk

We are different from the rest of God's creatures. We can make choices, especially about what's right and wrong. Sometimes we make choices without thinking about them. But God wants us to think about the things we say and do.

God wants us to do what Jesus taught us:

Help others.

Share what we have with others.

Care about the way others feel.



Listen to This

Two brothers, Michael and Edward, were quarreling about whose turn it was to clean the fish tank. They argued most of the morning, each one blaming the other.

“It was not my turn.”

“It was your turn. You forgot on purpose.”

“I did not!” And they continued to argue.

As bedtime approached, their father came to them and said, “Boys, you have been arguing most of the day. I do not want you to go to bed angry. You must work together to solve your problem.”

Help the boys solve their problem. What can they do?



God Speaks to Us

Jesus wants us to have peace in our hearts.

If you come to church and you have anger in your heart, go and make peace first.

If you have said hurtful things to someone, make peace with that person before you come into my house.

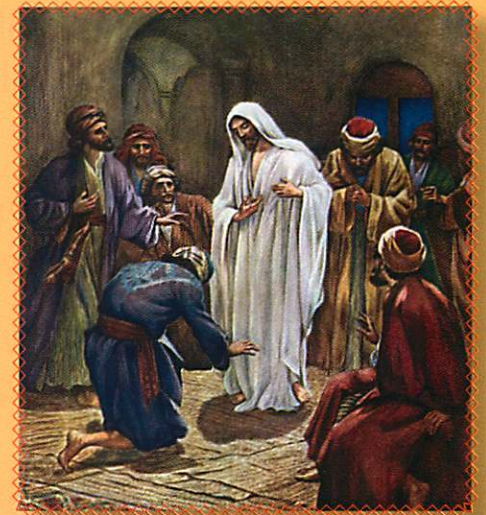


Matthew 5:23-24

We Learn About God

Imagine how the disciples must have felt. Jesus, their beloved friend, was put on trial and found guilty. Then he was crucified and was buried. The disciples wondered what they were going to do without him.

The disciples were gathered in a room after the crucifixion. They were confused and afraid. Jesus came to them and said, "Peace be with you." (John 20:19)



*Why were the disciples confused and afraid?
Do you ever feel that way?
What do you think Jesus meant ?
How did these words help the disciples?*

When your heart is at peace, then you can share this *peacefulness* with others in acts of faith, kindness and love.

Our Armenian Way

Եւ ընդ հոգւոյդ քում:

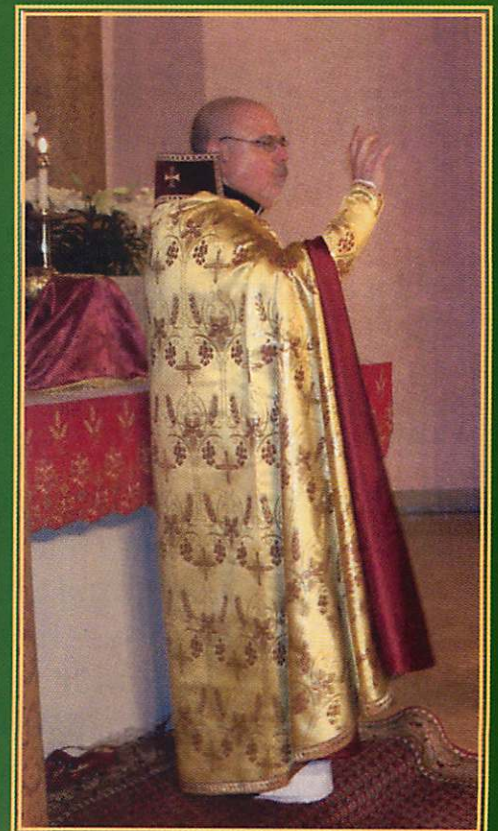
In the Armenian Church, the priest turns to the people in church, makes the sign of the cross and says:

Khaghaghootyoon amenetsoon (peace to all).

In response, we bow our heads slightly and sign ourselves with the cross.

We hear the priest say these words several times during the Badarak. They are said usually during a prayer or before a reading from the scriptures. They are reminders from Jesus that he wants us to live in peace.

When the priest says, "Peace to all," we answer, "Yev unt hokvooyt koom." (And with your spirit.) By saying those words, we are returning the priest's blessing.



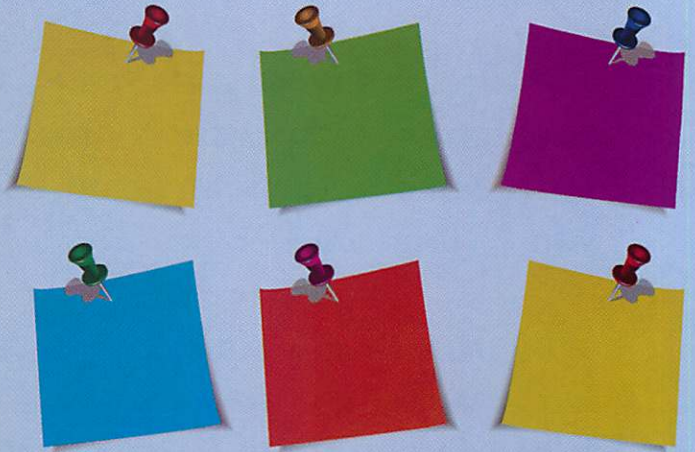
Hearts and Hands

Jesus enjoyed talking with people, sharing and teaching the words of God the Father. One day Jesus went up to a mountain. There he spoke to a group of people. He told them, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God."

When you say and do kind things for others, you are a peacemaker.

When you get along with your friends, classmates and others, you are a peacemaker.

Peacemakers



For My Family



Sharing Our Faith

The theme of our lesson was peace. We talked about the different ways the peace in our hearts translates into acts of goodness, kindness, and love.

"Peace to all." (*Khaghaghootyoon amenetsoon.*) The priest says these words several times during the Badarak, and the choir and congregation respond, "And with your spirit." (*Yev unt hokvooyt koom.*)

In several Bible passages, Jesus makes reference to peace in our hearts. The class contributed drawings for a class mural called "The Peacemakers."

Living Our Faith

1. In today's lesson, the children read a story about a quarrel between two brothers. Ask your child to tell you the story and how the students offered solutions to the problem.
2. Visit our class to see the mural called "The Peacemakers." Add your own drawing to the mural!
3. Review with your child the response to the priest's blessing, "*Khaghaghootyoon amenetsoon.*" "*Yev unt hokvooyt koom.*" (And with your spirit.)