

It's a Beautiful World



WE PRAY TOGETHER



Hanoon Hor yev Vortvo yev Hokvooyn Srpo.

Dear Father in Heaven, you are always with us. You watch over us. You are like a light in our lives. Help us to be like you. Amen.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER



Did you ever wake up in the middle of the night? Did you call out for your mom or dad?

The light in your room comes on, and you see a smiling face. That beautiful smile makes you feel safe and good all over. That smile is like a light in your life.

A smile is a sign of love and happiness. Where have you seen happy and smiling faces?



GOD'S WORD TO US

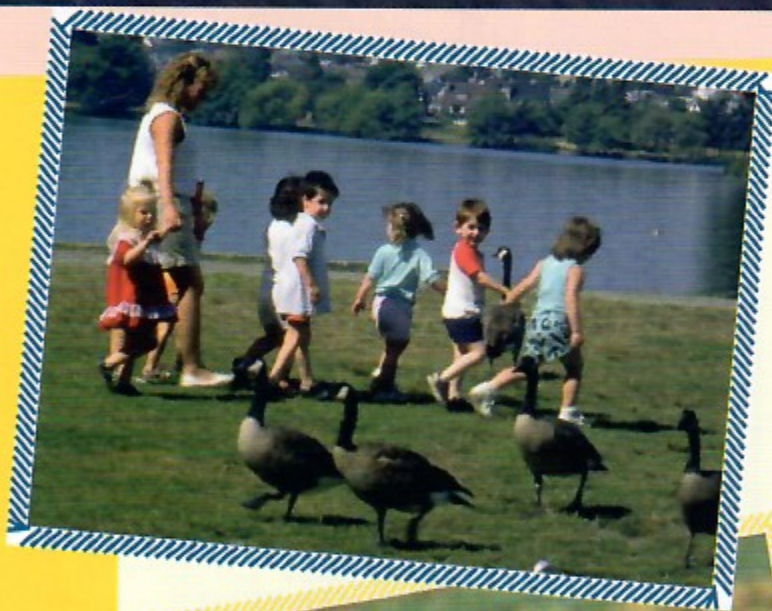
In the beginning there was deep darkness everywhere. Then God began to make the world. "Let there be light," God said. And out of the light, God made the day. Out of the darkness, God made the night. Now please remember if you would, *God saw that it was good and he smiled.*

Next God made the sky. Now please remember if you would, *God saw that it was good and he smiled.*

After that, God said, "Let dry land appear." And so it was! The dry land was called earth, and the waters were called oceans. Now please remember if you would, *God saw that it was good and he smiled.*

And then he said, "Let there be lights in the sky." The bigger light is the sun. It gives light to the day. The smaller light is the moon. It brightens up the night. God also made the stars. Now please remember if you would, *God saw that it was good and he smiled.*

Based on Genesis 1



WE LEARN ABOUT GOD

Just like your mom or dad loves you, God loves you.

He makes the world bright during the day. We call that light the sun.

When you go to bed, God's other lights come on in the sky. We call them the moon and the stars.

The sun, the moon and the stars help us to enjoy our lives. On a sunny day, we can run and play outdoors with our friends. With our families, we can go to the seashore for a swim. And at night, we can look up

to see the moon and stars shining brightly in the sky. God made all these for you and me.



OUR ARMENIAN WAY

There is a song we sing in church to welcome the beautiful sunrise. It is called Aravod Looso (Morning of Light).

The song was written hundreds of years ago by St. Nersess Shnorhali (St. Nersess the Grace-filled), an Armenian priest.



WE CELEBRATE

Aravod looso.
Arekagn artar.
Arees looys dzakia.

The sun greets me at dawn.
It shines upon the earth.
Light is everywhere.

ARAVOD LOOSO



A - ra - vod loo - so, a - re - kagn ar - tar



ar ees looys dza - kya.



FAMILY PAGE

Welcome to the Family Page. This will be a feature of each lesson. *Sharing Our Faith* relates the theme of the day's lesson. *Living Our Faith* outlines suggested activities that pertain to the lesson's theme; choose one (or more) to do as a family.

Every Sunday, at snack time, your child will recite the Prayer Before Meals (*Jashagestzook*) in English and listen to it being said in Armenian. Encourage your child to say this prayer at home as well. We would like you to help your child memorize the prayer in English. While we do not expect your child to memorize the prayer in Armenian at this time, we want him/her to be familiar with it.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Today's lesson was about Creation. Your child learned that the world is a beautiful gift from God.

God created light, and He remains a light in our lives. In the Armenian Church, there is a hymn called *Aravod Looso* (Morning of Light). The children learned one verse of the hymn in English and the words *Aravod Looso* in Armenian, and they presented it as a beautiful dance-like movement activity.



LIVING OUR FAITH

The world is a gift from God. Introduce your child to the wonders of God's creations. Choose an activity to do with your child:

1. Each night and each morning show him/her how to thank God for His precious gifts through prayer.
2. As a family, gather around a candle. As you light it, thank God for giving us the gift of light. Sing or say in English the first verse of the hymn *Aravod Looso* which has been paraphrased.
3. Pray before meals together:

Ja-sha-ges-tzook kha-gha-ghoo-tyamp uz-ge-ra-goo-rus vor ba-dras-dyal eh mez ee Dyar-neh.

Orh-nyal eh Der ee bar-keh-vus yoor, amen.

Let us in peace eat this meal which has been prepared for us by the Lord.

Blessed is the Lord in His gifts, amen.