

Following Him



Pray Together

Hanoon Hor, yev Vortvo, yev Hokvooyh Surpo, Amen. We thank you so much for the gift of eternal life through Jesus. Thank you for the Armenian Church that helps us grow closer to him. Please help us to be living examples of the Word at school, in church, at home, on the sports field, and wherever else we go. Amen.

Chapter Checkup

Answer “true” or “false” in the space provided.

1. The time between Palm Sunday and Easter is called Vodunluva. _____
2. On Holy Tuesday, we remember the Parable of the Ten Maidens. _____
3. Holy Wednesday is the day we remember when Judas made the agreement to betray Jesus. _____
4. After the Last Supper, Jesus went to pray in the Garden of Eden. _____
5. Armenian crosses are usually designed without Jesus on them because we focus on the fact that Jesus won the battle over death. _____

Lambs to Lions

Read Luke 22:54-62 to see how scared Peter was after seeing Jesus arrested. Answer the following question on the lines below.

Why did Peter cry in verse 62?

At the time of Jesus crucifixion, the disciples were terrified. They were hiding indoors with the doors locked (John 20:19) because they were afraid they would be arrested and brutally killed the way Jesus was.

Within a very short time, these frightened men were traveling far and wide telling everyone about Jesus. Most of them did indeed end up being crucified or otherwise killed. Their worst fears came true!

So what changed the disciples from cowardly to courageous? Why did they suddenly forget all about their fears? Something very unusual must have happened!

That something was the resurrection of their friend Jesus. They saw him nailed to the Cross. They were right there when the soldiers pronounced him dead. They saw him placed in the tomb.

Sunday evening, the disciples were discussing reports of Jesus’ return to life, when suddenly he walked into the room (Luke 24:36-43). They were so surprised and happy! Their Lord had come back from the dead! All he had told them was true! The disciples couldn’t keep this knowledge to themselves. They had to tell the world!

Where Did They Go from Here?

Jesus' followers quickly began their work of spreading his message of forgiveness around the world. The book of Acts in the New Testament traces their journeys, which took them throughout the ancient world.

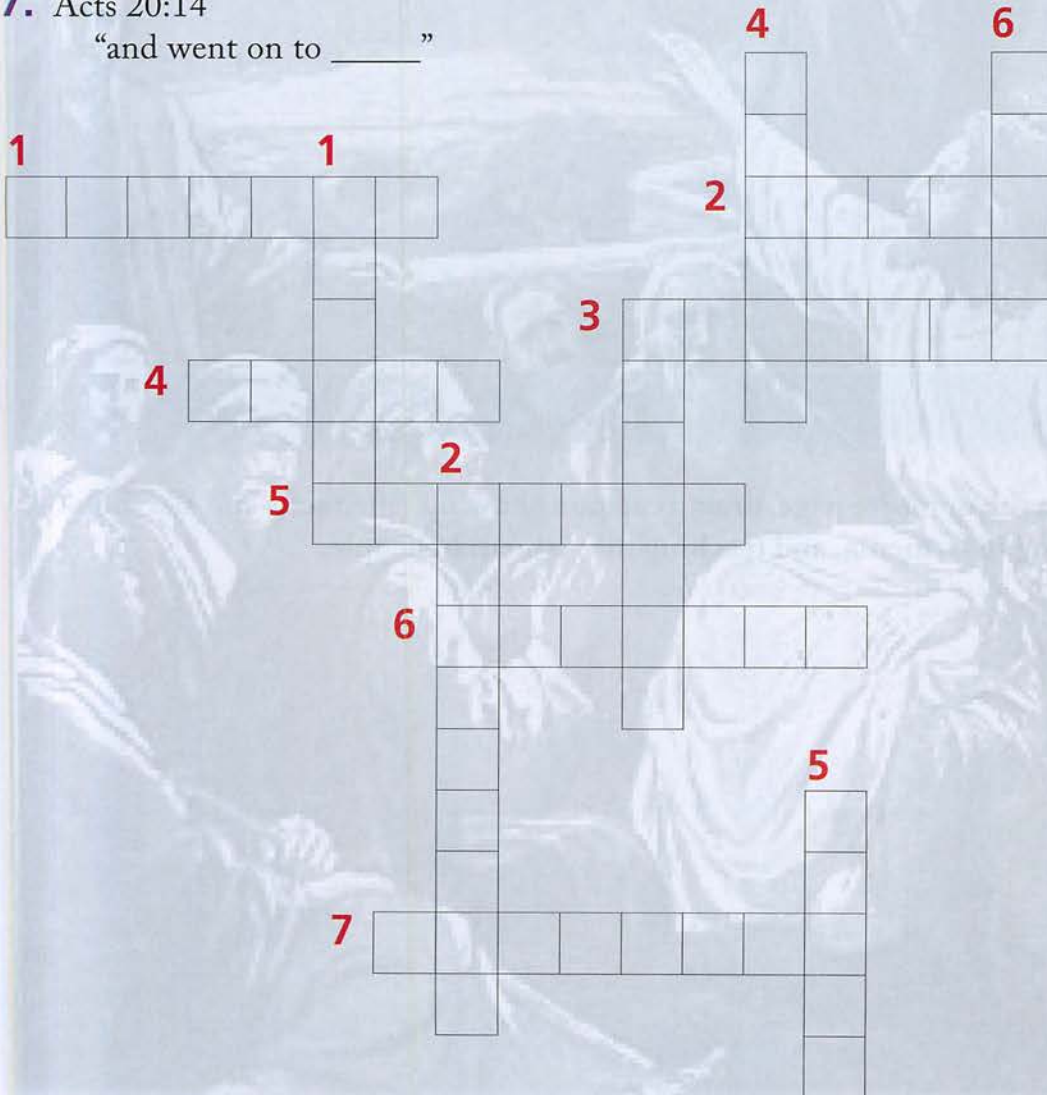
Solve the crossword. The clues are found in the book of Acts.

Across

1. Acts 13:1
"In the church at _____"
2. Acts 16:8
"and went down to _____"
3. Acts 16:6
"throughout the region of _____"
4. Acts 14:6
"cities of Lystra and _____"
5. Acts 15:3
"through Phoenicia and _____"
6. Acts 18:1
"and went to _____"
7. Acts 20:14
"and went on to _____"

Down

1. Acts 13:4
"sailed from there to _____"
2. Acts 16:9
"a vision of a man from _____"
3. Acts 14:24
"After going through _____"
4. Acts 21:1
"from there to _____"
5. Acts 27:7
"sailed to the lee of _____"
6. Acts 16:7
"came to the border of _____"



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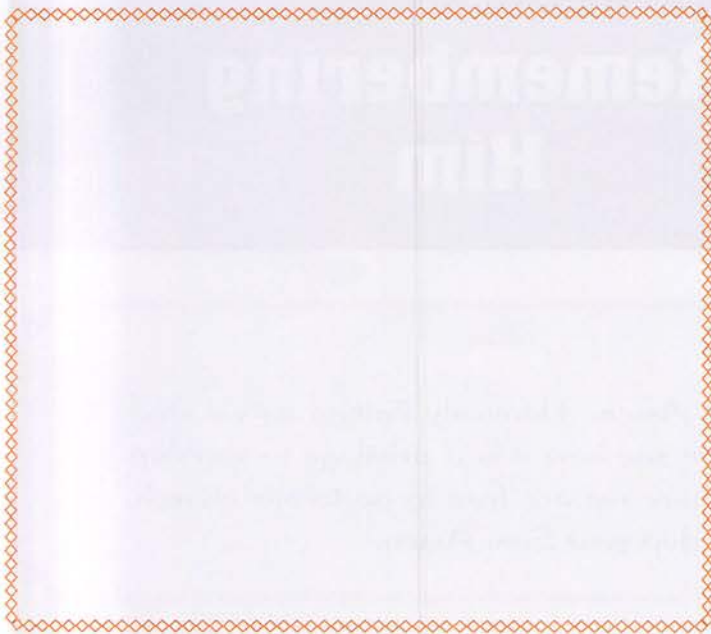
After the Resurrection, Jesus told his disciples, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28: 19-20) The disciples then began their travels.

Two of Jesus’ original twelve disciples, Thaddeus and Bartholomew, came to ancient Armenia. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Thaddeus and Bartholomew established Christianity in Armenia. They were later martyred in Armenia, in about the year 66AD.



In the boxes below and on the opposite page, draw a cartoon showing Thaddeus and Bartholomew learning from Jesus, traveling to Armenia, and teaching the Armenian people.





FAMILY FOCUS: *For Parents*



Lesson Roundup

In today's session, your fifth grader learned about the travels of Jesus' followers as they spread his message around the world. The students read about how the disciples were frightened after the Crucifixion until they saw Jesus alive again.

The children completed a crossword puzzle that names some of the places visited by the early missionaries, and they learned that Thaddeus and Bartholomew brought the Word of Life to Armenia.

Family Faith Activity

As Christians, it is our responsibility to spread the Good News about Jesus in the way we speak and live. Try to perform at least one of the following activities with your family.

1. Light a candle together and pray, thanking God for the light of his Word.
2. Read Acts 2:1-12 aloud to see how the Holy Spirit prepared the apostles to go out into the world to spread God's Word.
3. Jesus referred to Himself as "living water." Deliver a case of bottled water to a homeless shelter or similar organization.

A Parent's Promise

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

Signed _____