

Jesus, Lord of My Life

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

UNIT
1
LESSON
ONE

From Our Hearts to God

Lord, we come to you in prayer to tell you about ourselves and to get to know you better. Open our hearts and minds to your love. Amen.

MY WORLD

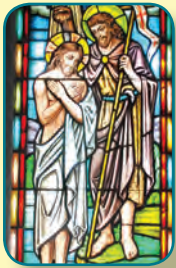
My world is full of so many wonderful things – family, friends, special events. Sometimes I'm so busy I hardly have time for everything. But I never forget to take some time with Jesus. I pray. I go to church. I attend Sunday School. My world is more wonderful because God is with me.



Getting Closer to God

We all have family photo albums. Pictures in your family photo album would probably start with you being born and continue as you are growing up. God's story is also often told in pictures. They are the illustrations in our Bibles and the stained glass windows in our church. Armenians have a wonderful tradition of painting pictures illustrating the Bible. These were called miniatures or "illuminations" (for the gold paint used).

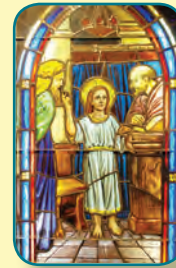
Here are some pictures showing Jesus' life. Number them in order (1 – 10) starting with his birth:



Jesus is baptized by John. _____



Jesus was born in Bethlehem. _____



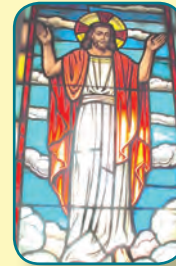
Jesus talks to the men in the Temple when he was 12 years old. _____



Jesus chooses twelve disciples. _____



Jesus is crucified. _____



Jesus ascends into heaven. _____



Jesus teaches people about how God wants them to live. _____



Jesus blesses the children. _____



Jesus is transfigured before his disciples Peter, James and John. _____



Jesus rides into Jerusalem. _____

Our Armenian Way

Here are some symbols used to represent the Holy Trinity. Look at each picture and tell what part represents the Holy Trinity. Draw a picture with one of these symbols in it or make up your own representation of the Holy Trinity.



Taking a Closer Look

We have only ONE God. He has helped us understand him by showing himself to us in three ways: as Father, as Son, and as Holy Spirit. We know God the Father as creator of the universe. In the New Testament we get to know God the Son, Jesus Christ, friend, teacher, and Savior. We also learn about God the Holy Spirit who is in us and with us always. We call the three persons of God the **Holy Trinity**.



GOD'S GUIDING WORDS

I will be with you always, until the end of the world.

Matthew 28:20

Time to Celebrate

Armenians love to get together. We are a “we” people! And when we are together, we like to share food.

Jesus liked the same thing. The Bible tells of his sharing food many times. Once he shared fishes and loaves with a crowd of people (Mark 6:30-44). Even after his resurrection he shared a meal with some travelers (Luke 24:13-35). At his last supper with his disciples, he wanted his followers to remember him. We call this event the **Lord’s Supper**. We re-enact this most special meal Jesus shared with his followers. We do this today by receiving Holy Communion.



RESPONDING IN FAITH

Heavenly Father, we thank you for creating this world. Jesus, we thank you for loving us. Holy Spirit, we ask you to help us day by day. Amen.

FAMILY CORNER

Welcome to the Family Corner. This will be a feature of each lesson. **Sharing Our Faith** summarizes our day’s lesson. **Living our Faith** gives suggestions for activities relating to the lesson you can do at home. Choose one (or more) to do as a family.

Sharing Our Faith

Today’s lesson reviewed important events in the life of Jesus Christ and that Jesus, the Son of God, is part of the Holy Trinity. We learned Jesus knew it was important to share a meal together. We meet Jesus in the Divine Liturgy and share the Lord’s Supper at Badarak.

Living Our Faith

Choose one of the activities below to do together as a family during this week.

1. Share your favorite stories about Jesus. Tell why you like the story so much.
2. Prepare a family meal together.
3. Create a family tree – go back as far as you can. If you already have one, look it over together with your fourth grader.