

# We Honor Jesus in Church with Words and Actions



## WE PRAY TOGETHER



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Holy Father, we gather with our church family to remember you and honor you in prayer and song.  
Amen.

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

It was Sunday morning. Jack's family was getting ready for church. Jack, his twin brother, Alan, their grandparents and parents were all going to church together. Jack and Alan both got in the back of the van. Their grandparents sat in front of them.

Their father said, "Is everyone ready? Do you all have your seat belts on?"

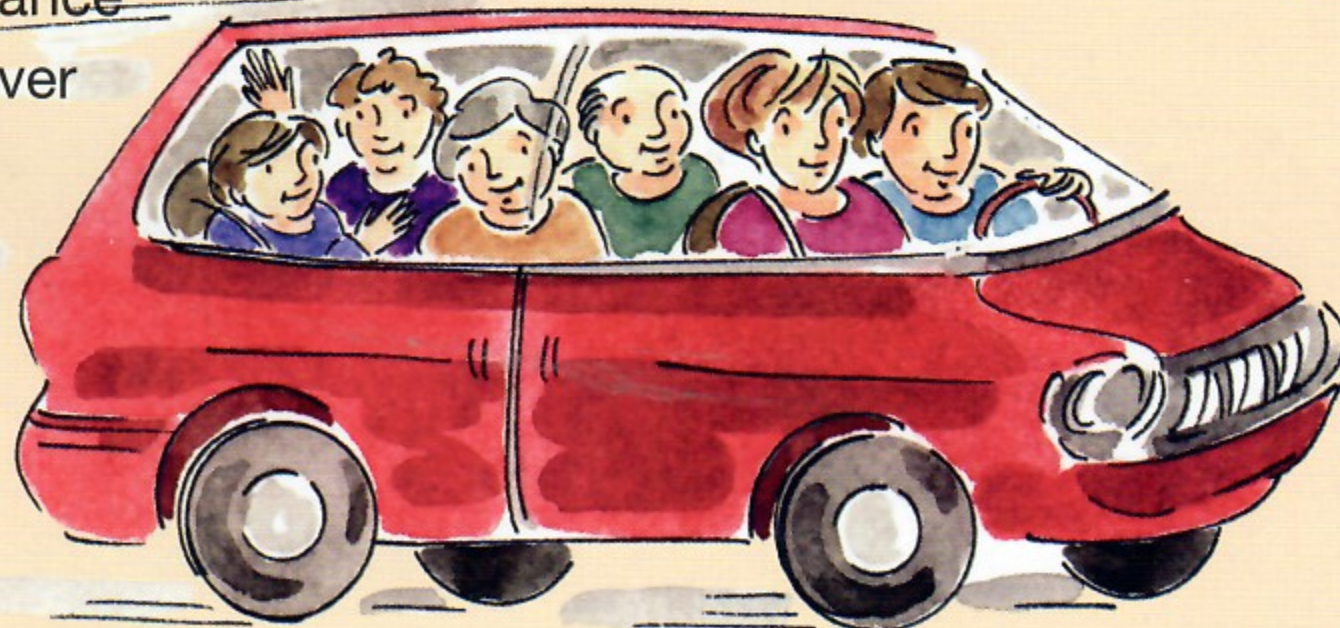
Then grandmother said a little prayer and crossed herself. She always said a prayer before the car moved so that everyone would be safe and they were on their way.

Alan sneezed. Mother said, "Bless you."

They heard an ambulance siren. Father pulled over to the side of the road.

Grandpa crossed himself as the ambulance drove by.

Soon they arrived at church. Jack and Alan went ahead to go to their Sunday School class. The rest of the family went into church to worship.

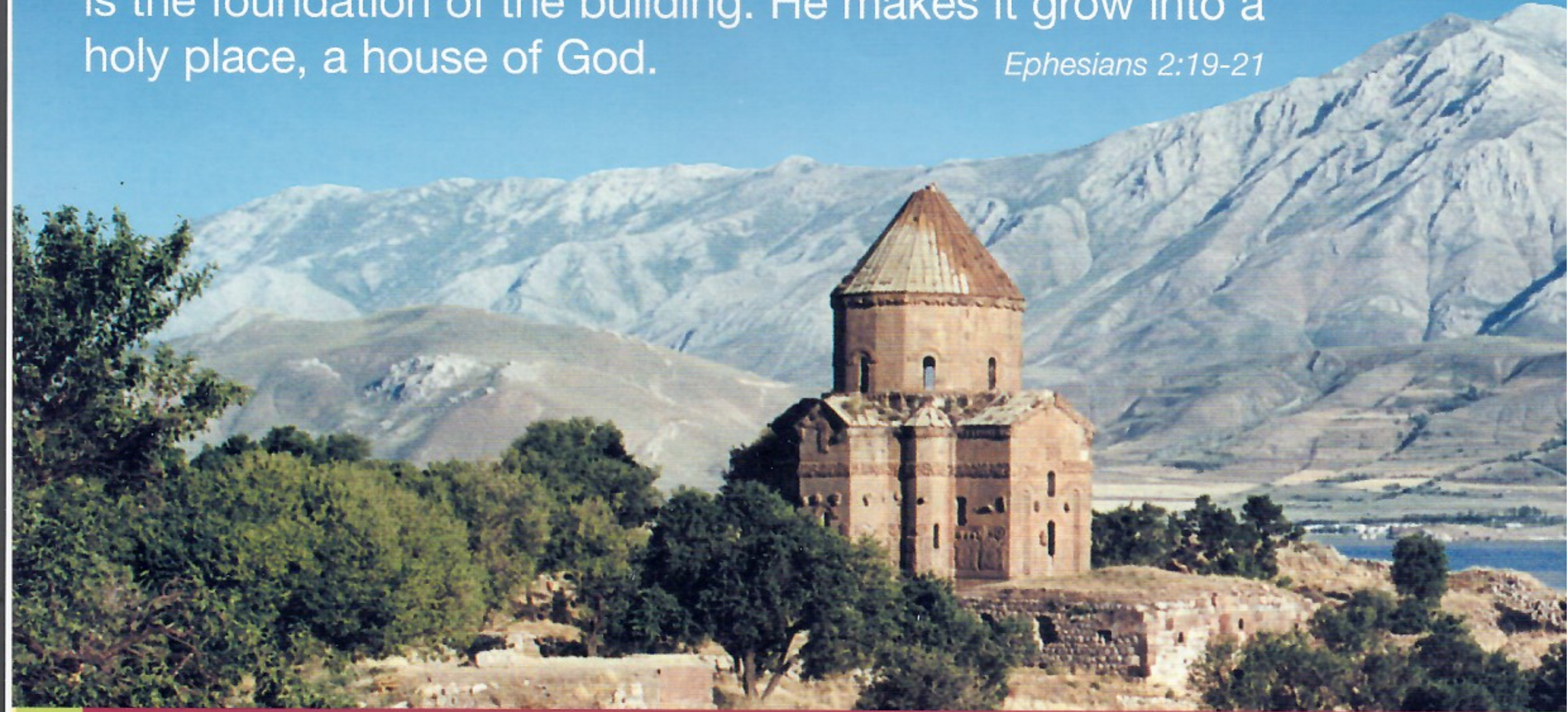


# GOD'S WORD TO US

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One of the apostles, St. Paul, tells us we all belong to the family of God. He says we are like a building. Christ is the foundation of the building. He makes it grow into a holy place, a house of God.

*Ephesians 2:19-21*



## WE LEARN ABOUT GOD

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Jesus said, "Whenever two or three people are gathered in church, I am there."

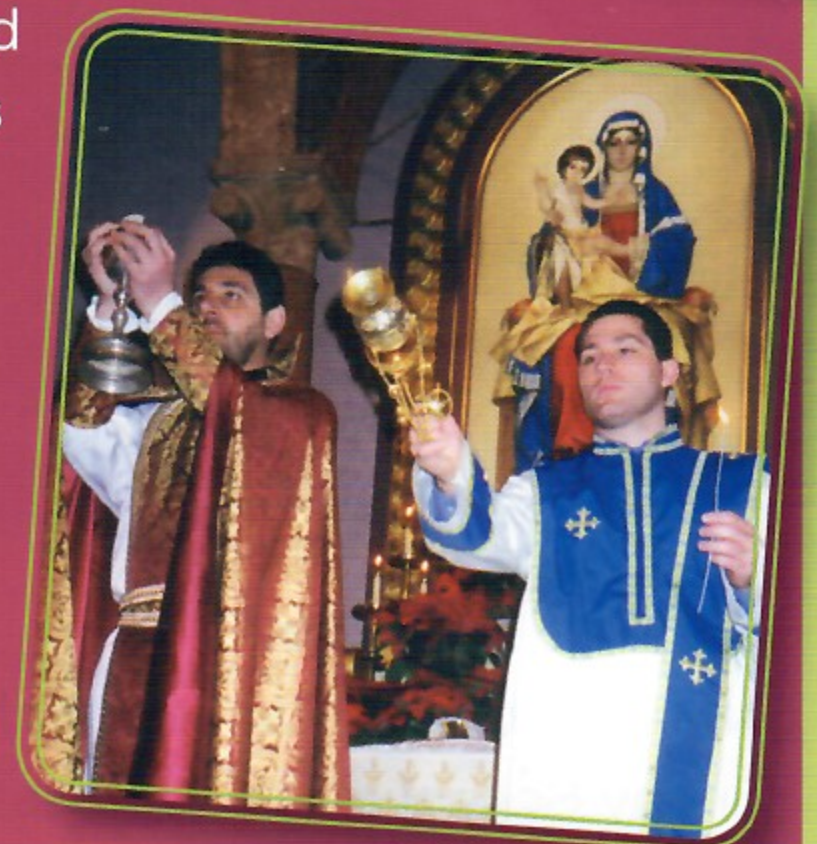
The church is a building made of brick and stone and cement. Yet when we enter the building, it becomes a living church. That means it isn't just a stone building any more. It becomes the holy place that St. Paul talked about. It becomes a holy place through our prayers and hymns.

Here are some things for you to think about.

When you are in church, what do you see?

When you are in church, what do you smell?

When you are in church, what do you hear?



# OUR ARMENIAN WAY

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Jesus chose disciples as his helpers. The deacons (sargavaks) are the priest's helpers on the Holy Altar. They do many things to help the priest during Badarak. They read from the Bible. They carry the chalice to the priest. They use the censer that brings forth the sweet smells of incense. They also shake the kshotz during Badarak.



## WE CELEBRATE

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A stole is a long, narrow vestment worn by the deacon on his left shoulder. After he is given the stole by the bishop, the deacon becomes the priest's assistant.



# FAMILY PAGE

## SHARING OUR FAITH

The theme of today's lesson is honoring Jesus with words and actions.

The church is a stone and brick building until, as Jesus says, two or three people are gathered in his name. Then it becomes a living church.

Wherever we are, we carry our faith with us; the story of Jack and his family driving to church illustrated how often we can be prayerful, even in the most mundane circumstances.

The children also learned that when the deacon is awarded his stole, he becomes the priest's assistant with many duties to perform. Your child will tell you about some of them.

## LIVING OUR FAITH

We honor Jesus by our words and actions. Discuss the following items with your child as a way of honoring Jesus.

- I help others.
- I pray for my family and others.
- I attend church with my family.
- I try to be kind to others.
- I receive Holy Communion several times during the year.

