God is Love



WE PRAY TOGETHER

Hanoon Hor yev Vortvo yev Hokvooyn Srpo.

Dear God in heaven, you fill our world with love. Help us to be friends with each another and to live in peace. Amen.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Imagine yourself on a merry-go-round like the ones you see on this page.

Are you having fun?

Are you holding tight so you do not fall off?

Are you laughing?

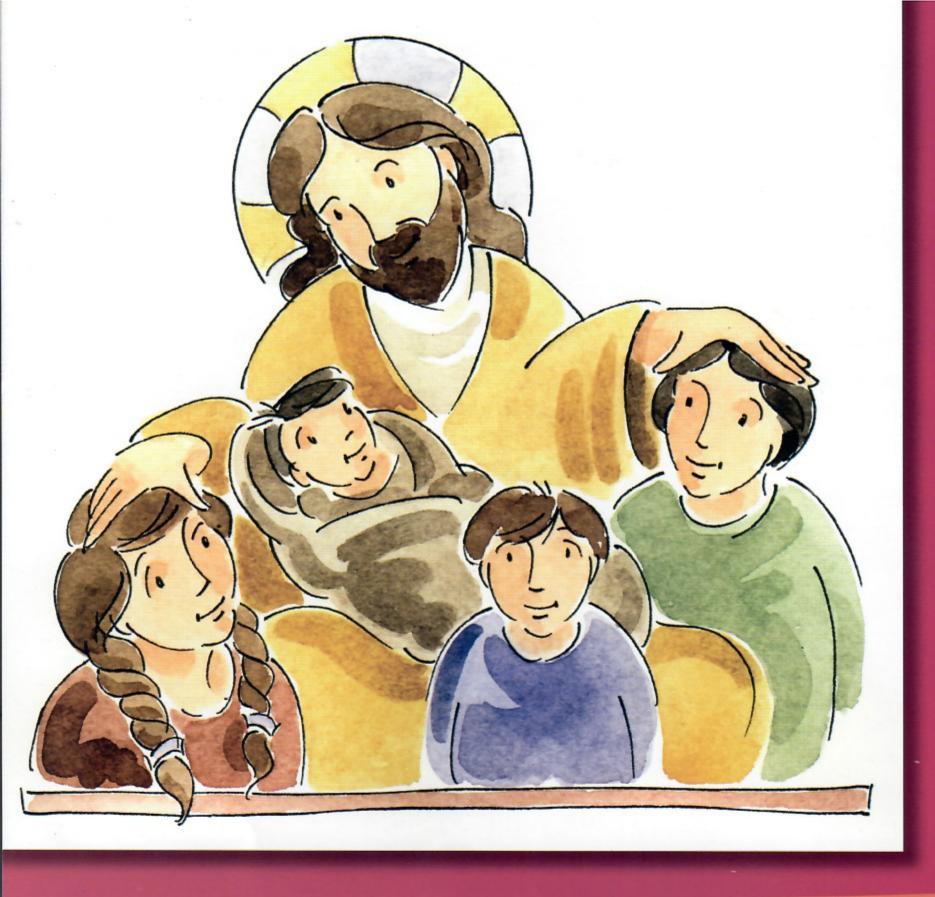
Are you feeling dizzy as the merry-goround goes round and round?

Who is with you on the ride?

When the ride stops spinning, you might squeal, "Can we go around again?" A person starts the big motor, and the merry-go-round begins to turn once more.

The world is like a giant merry-go-round. It can be a happy place, filled with the laughter of children, with families sharing together and living in peace and love. Love is what makes our world such a special place.





GOD'S WORD TO US

Jesus said,
"My children,
love one another.
Just as I love
you, you also
must love one
another."

John 13:34

WE LEARN ABOUT GOD

Like our fathers and mothers love us, God loves us too. God shows us his love by giving us the gifts of this world to enjoy. He gives us love through our parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, teachers and friends. What God wants in return is for us to share this love with others.

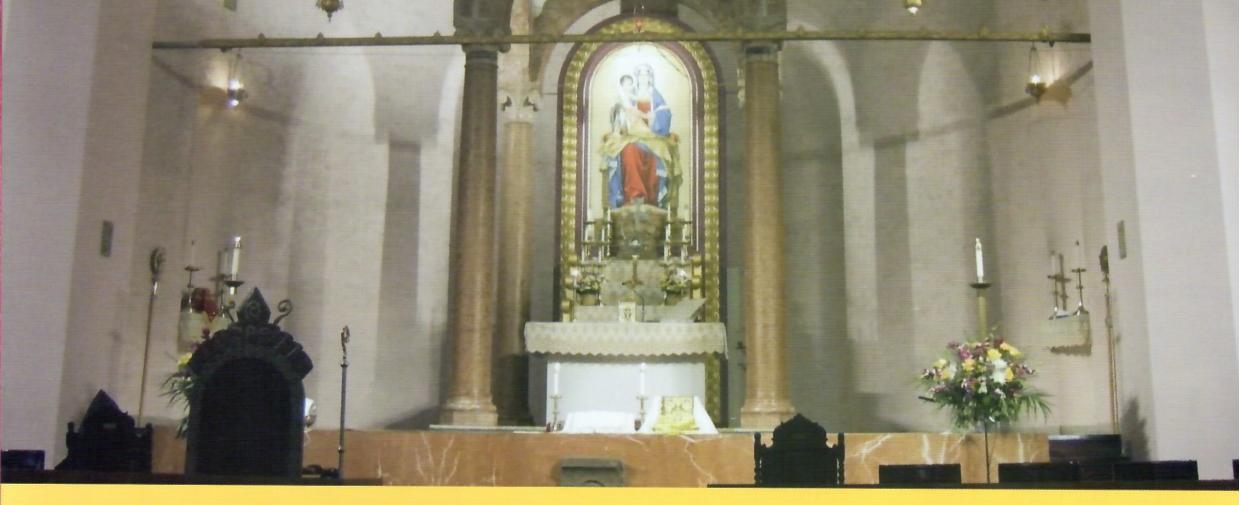
How do your parents show their love for you? How do you share God's love with your family and your friends?



OUR ARMENIAN WAY

Our God is a loving God. He is a caring God. He is a forgiving God. God loves us, and so we say God is love. Asdvadz ser eh.

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WE CELEBRATE

We celebrate God's love for us by chanting

Love One Another:

God made the land

And God made the sea.

God made the animals

And he made me.

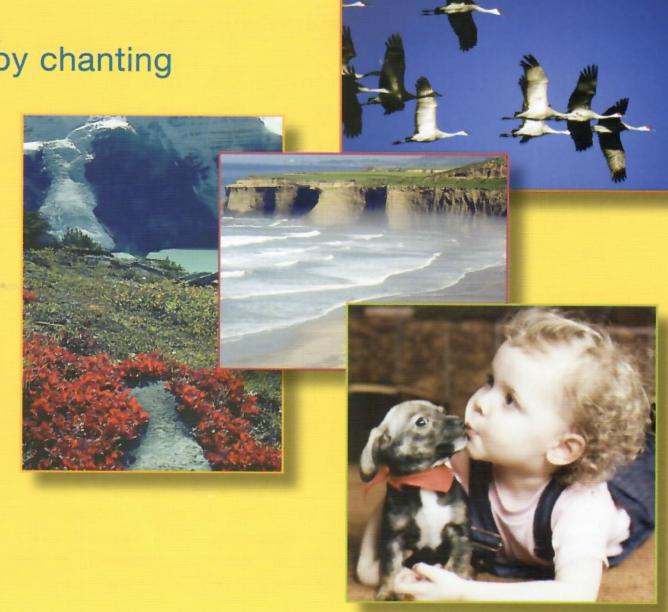
God put the stars up in the sky. And when he was done, He did sigh.

Love one another.

Love one another.

Love one another.

As I love you.





SHARING OUR FAITH

In John 13:34, we read that Jesus tells us "just as I have loved you, you also must love one another." This week your child has learned what that means – that through our families, we share in God's love. God wants us to share this love with others.

LIVING OUR FAITH

Your loving presence in your child's life makes love real. The family circle is a sanctuary of faith and love, a place from which each child can count on mom or dad, grandma, grandpa, uncle, aunt, brother or sister to embrace him or her in love.

When you first looked into your child's eyes, you were "recruited." From that moment on, a bond of unbreakable love was created.

Choose an activity to do with your child:

- 1. Asdvadz ser eh (God is love). Ask your child to join you in saying these words. When you hold your child, say the words, "I love you. God loves you. Asdvadz ser eh."
- 2. Help your child make get-well cards and birthday cards to send to family members.
- 3. Make a phone call to grandparents to say "I love you. Asdvadz ser eh."
- 4. With your child chant God is love and share its message with your family.



