

# We Remember Jesus on Sunday



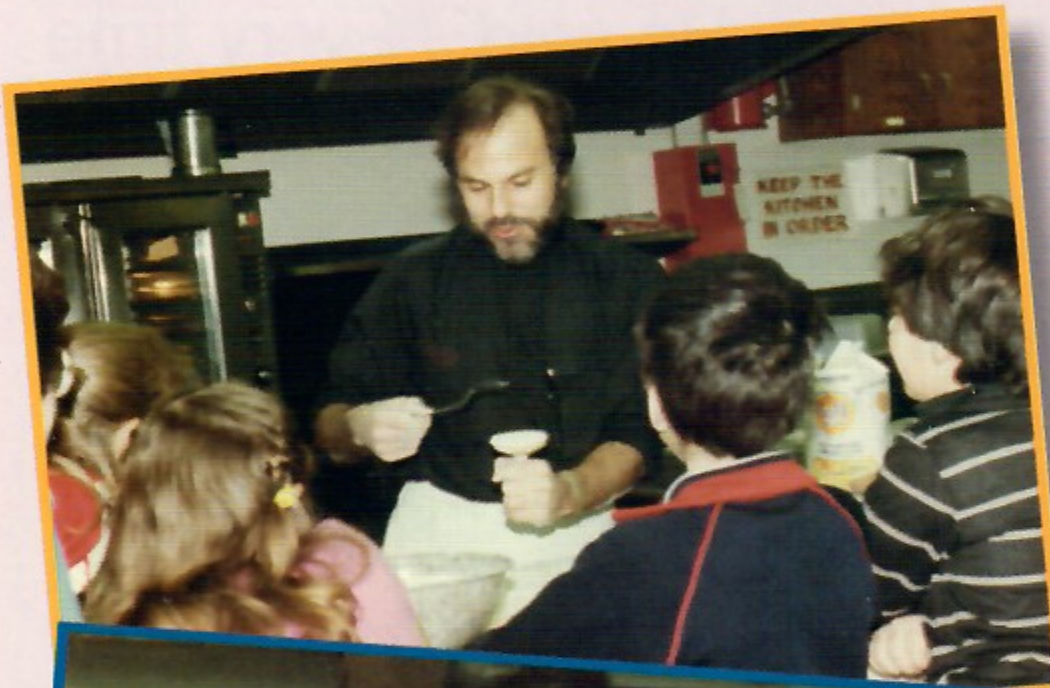
## WE PRAY TOGETHER



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Heavenly Father, we know you are with us every day. We come to church on Sundays to remember your life on earth and your message of hope. Amen.

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER



Der Hayr invited the kindergarten children to watch him make nushkhar. Nushkhar is thin and round, shaped like a cookie and is made out of flour and water. Der Hayr uses it for Holy Communion bread on Sundays.

First, Der Hayr measured flour and water and mixed them together by hand. Then he rolled out the dough to make it flat. He used the bottom of a glass to make the round shapes. Next he took a round wooden stamp. At the bottom of it, there was an impression of Jesus on the cross. He stamped this on each circle of dough and then baked them in the oven.

Then he surprised everyone! "You can each take one home and give it to your mother or grandmother. She can put it in her jar of rice or flour. It will be like a blessing for what is in the jars."



## GOD'S WORD TO US

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It was the time of Passover. Jesus and his disciples planned to eat the Passover meal together. Jesus told his disciples to go into the city to the house of a certain man. "Tell him that I want to eat the Passover meal in his home." The disciples did as Jesus asked.

During the meal, Jesus took some bread. He blessed it and broke it up into small pieces. He said, "Every time you are together remembering me, I want you to break the bread as I have done and share it."

Then he picked up a cup of wine and gave thanks to God. He passed the cup to his disciples. He said, "Drink this. Every time you are together, remember me with blessed bread and wine."


They sang a song together and went out to the Mount of Olives.

This is known as the Last Supper.

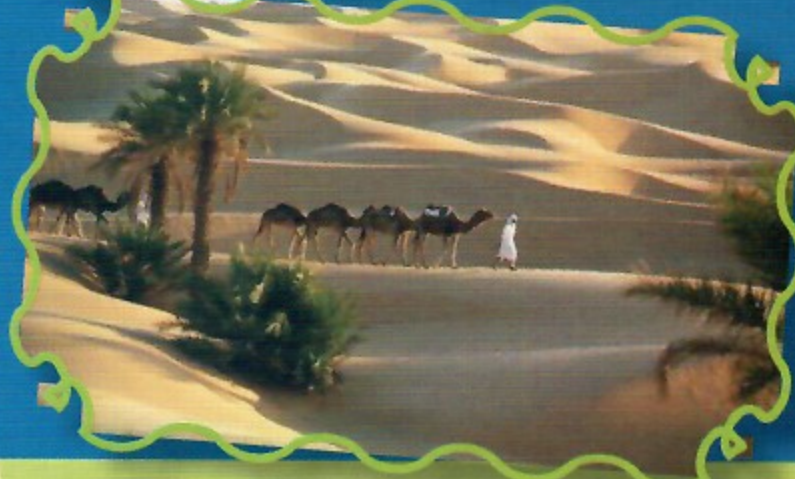
*Matthew 26:17-30*

## WE LEARN ABOUT GOD

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Many people all over the world break bread before each meal as Jesus did in front of his disciples. Breaking bread means that you share your food with those who are in your home.



A group of people called Bedouins are very famous for their hospitality. They live in the desert in tents and travel from place to place. They are called nomads. They believe that, if a traveler arrives at their tent site, he has been brought there by God. They provide food, water and shelter for their guest and his animals.

# OUR ARMENIAN WAY

In a small space in the wall near the main altar, the Der Hayr keeps the chalice filled with wine and the nushkhar, covered with a beautiful cloth. During the Great Entrance, the deacon brings the chalice and nushkharh to the priest who takes it and carefully puts it on the altar. He will use it later for Holy Communion, saying the words that Jesus said at the Last Supper.



## WE CELEBRATE





# FAMILY PAGE

## SHARING OUR FAITH

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The children heard the story of the Last Supper – when Jesus broke bread with his disciples. This was the beginning of Holy Communion. When Holy Communion is given on Sunday, we hear the same words that Jesus spoke to his disciples so many years ago.

Breaking of bread is a symbol of hospitality. Bedouins continue to break bread in this ancient way. Like the people of the Bible, they believe that any stranger arriving at their tent site has been sent by God. Therefore, they honor him and give food and shelter not only to him but to his animals.

## LIVING OUR FAITH

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Discuss all or one of following questions with your child:

1. Arrange to have your home blessed by your priest with all family members present. He can bring a nushkhar with him to leave with you. Serve refreshments in the spirit of hospitality.
2. Remember Jesus at mealtime by saying a prayer.
3. Take communion with your child whenever the next time his or her Sunday School class does.

