

We Worship God

WE GET READY (PREPARATION)

UNIT

5

LESSON
TWO

From Our Hearts to God

My soul is happy in the Lord, for he has dressed me in clothes that lead to salvation and has placed a robe of joy on my shoulders. He has put a crown on my head as if I were a princely bridegroom and has covered me with jewels as if I were a bride. All this by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; we glorify and honor him now and always.

Put a robe of joy and faith around our shoulders, too, Lord! Amen.

MY WORLD

Ready, Set, Go!

List three things that you do to prepare for coming to church and Sunday School.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

List three things you do to prepare for school on Monday.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

List three things you do to prepare for a vacation.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



GOD'S GUIDING WORDS

You prepare the way before me.

Psalm 23



Getting Closer to God

The church prepares for worship in many ways.

- Candles are lit
- Flowers are placed on the altar
- The priest gets dressed with the help of the altar servers
- The incense is prepared
- The gifts of wine and bread are readied

We the worshippers prepare by praying and quieting out thoughts to focus on God.

During the Preparation, the priest confesses and washes his hands. This is a way of making his heart, soul, and body pure as he prepares to lead us in worship.



Taking a Closer Look

Then in the second part of the liturgy, the Synaxis or teaching section, the priest goes up to the altar and the deacon carries the Gospel book around it to glorify the Word of God. We sing Soorp Asdvadz (Holy God). The Bible readings are next. The readers step forward to the Gospel book and kiss it. They read from the Old Testament and from the Epistles (or letters) in the New Testament. While they are doing this, the deacon reads the Gospel to the priest. The altar servers and choir let us know the most important reading is about to start. God will be talking to us through the Gospel reading.

The deacon holds the Gospel book in front of his face and reads it to us.

Then we all recite the Creed (Havadamk).

Our Armenian Way

1. _____

2. _____

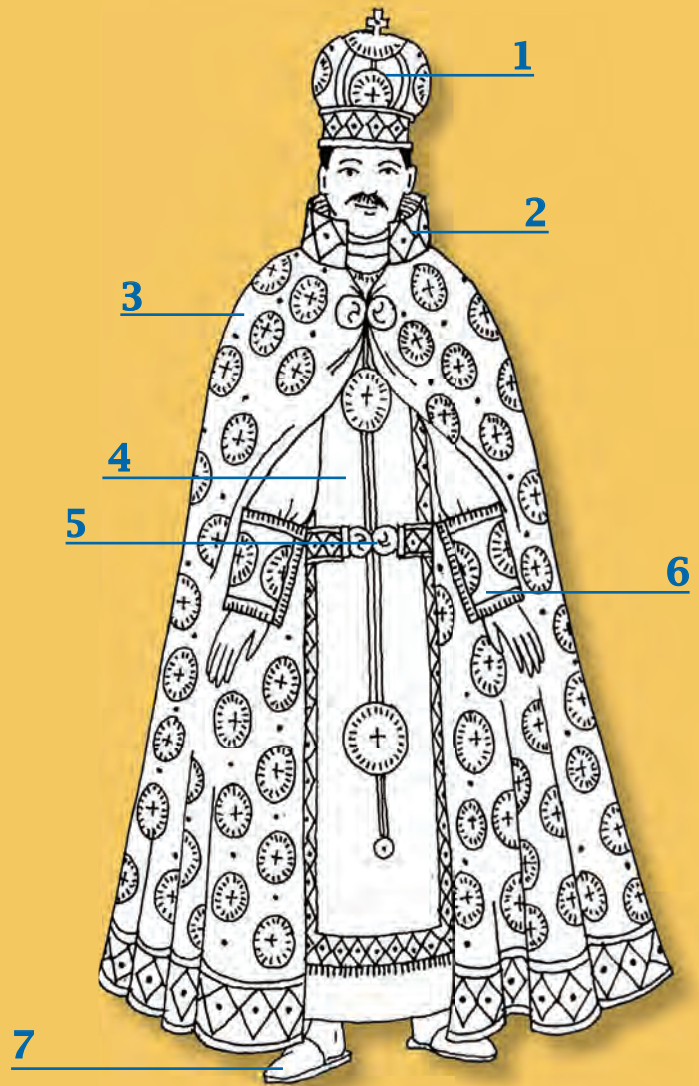
3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____



RESPONDING IN FAITH

Lord, let me listen to your teachings and make them part of my everyday life. Amen

Time to Celebrate

After the Gospel reading, the priest gives the sermon. Sometimes it is given later in the service, but this is where it was traditionally. The priest may talk about the readings we have just heard. He may tell us how we can apply the lessons in our everyday life. He may offer good advice to help us live a good Christian life through the week and years ahead.

If you were going to give a sermon, what would you say?

Sermon topic:

Main ideas:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



FAMILY CORNER

Sharing Our Faith

Today we learned about the Preparation and Teaching parts of the Badarak. We discussed what it means to prepare for something. The students took a closer look at the symbolic meaning of the priest's vestments. They even had an opportunity to think of a sermon they would give!

Living Our Faith

1. Ask your child what message they would give to people if they gave a sermon in church.
2. As the priest gets dressed in his vestments, he says a prayer for each thing he puts on as he gets ready to celebrate the Badarak. Create a prayer with your family that you can say each morning as you start your day.