

Sunday School Craft

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 26:26 “. . . Take, eat; this is my body.”

MATERIALS:

- PlayDoh or Clay (“Polymar” brand in terra-cotta color works best)
- Toothpicks
- Pictures of different khachkar imprints: Crucifix, Lamb, Cross (*to follow*)
- Actual Nushkhar if you can get one from your priest
- Cups, to use as a ‘cookie-cutter’ to cut dough into circles

PREPARATION:

- Ask your priest for an actual Nushkhar to use as model
- Print copies of different khachkars imprints.

Clay Nushkhar



DIRECTIONS:

1. Set out pictures of different nushkhars (**Crucifix, Lamb, and Cross**) for students to use as models.
2. Give each student the same amount of clay, (about the size of a walnut) and a toothpick.
3. Have students flatten their dough using their hands or a rolling pin. Using the rim of a plastic cup or circular cookie-cutter, shape the dough into a circle.
4. Post pictures of the **Crucifix, Lamb, and Cross**.
5. Instruct students to select one of these designs, and using a toothpick, “carve” it onto their nushkhar. (*If you were able to obtain a nushkhar from your priest, students may use this as their model to copy. Or, they may etch any of the “metaphors” used in the Gospel of John for Jesus: Bread, Lamb of God, Light of the World, Vine, Way, Truth, and Life*)
Option: Make a hole at the top of the nushkhar. String a piece of ribbon through once clay has dried if you want to hang the nushkhars.
6. Allow to dry/harden overnight. Once dry, you may:
 - a. Create an “exhibit-styled” display someplace at church for your parish to admire. Include an “Explanational Marker” so they can read the significance of the children’s nushkhar.
 - b. String a piece of ribbon through hole and hang nushkhars on a wall in your Sunday School
 - c. String a piece of ribbon through hole and use as a Christmas ornament

