

When children and parents have faith discussions regularly, faith multiplies.



Faith at Home

Theme of the Sunday: The Creation.

Verse of the Sunday: “. . . then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.” “So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” (Book of Genesis 2:7, 1:27 NRSV)

Message/Moral of the day:

Did you know that in the past years, as science develops and evolves, scientists discovered that every cell in our bodies contains information or instruction of how we are made? Amazing, isn't it? That is called the genetic code, or DNA. The human genetic code is a list of three billion letters - required to create a human being. Written out, that information will stretch out 5,592 miles. It would fill 200 phone directories, and if you start reading it out for 24 hours a day, it will take you 100 years to finish. It has taken hundreds of scientists from all over the world and 13 years to decipher that information and put it on paper. That book was called the Book of human genome! Or, some call it the book of life.

As every single book has an author, so is with the book of life. Someone very, very intelligent must have created the code that makes us human, or the code that makes a beautiful rose, or the code that makes a playful chimpanzee, or a colorful fish... We all have our unique code, and the intelligent creator of these codes, or the author of the book of life is called God!

As science develops more and more, and the old belief that human came from a monkey is fading away, scientists are getting more and more opportunities to prove the existence of an intelligent creator - our Heavenly Father.

Faith at Inside the Home and Out:

- Watch together “DNA - What is DNA? - Basics of DNA” on YouTube
- Talk about how humans are different from all other living creatures – speech, intelligence, faith.
- Mention that there are different views of how humans were created, but we believe in what the Bible tells us. Mention how recent scientific discoveries lead to proof the existence of an intelligent designer – God.

Prayer & Worship:

Heavenly Father, you've created us in such a special and unique way. As we find more and more about how you've created us and everything living, and understand your ways better, we give thanks to you in awe for everything you had done with us and for us. Amen

Liturgical Calendar: *Barekendan of the Fast of Holy Cross of Varak*

Two weeks after the Exaltation—in a feast unique to the Armenians—the church celebrates the **Feast of the Holy Cross of Varak** (Varaka khatch). Barekendan of the Fast of the Holy Cross of Varak is one of the ten weeklong fasts preceding major feasts and commemorations, which are observed from Monday through Friday.