

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



Faith at Home

Theme of the Sunday: Introduction to the New Testament

Verse of the Sunday: -

Message/Moral of the day: The New Testament consists of books written about Jesus' life and the establishment of the church. The New Testament explains who Jesus was, and how we should behave as Christians. The Bible is divided into 2 parts: The Old Testament and the New Testament. Today's lesson focuses on the sections of the New Testament and how God reveals His plan for mankind through the arrival of Jesus Christ. We are currently living in the New Testament time, which is the time between Jesus' death and His return.

There are 27 Books in the New Testament, and these 27 Books are divided into 3 categories: 1. Historical Books (Matthew to Acts - 5 books) - These books tell us about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection and the establishment of the New Testament church. 2. Paul's Letters (Romans to Philemon - 13 books). Paul wrote letters to churches and individuals. However, regardless of his audience, Paul's letters remind us how to live and act as believers in Jesus. 3. Additional Letters (Hebrews to Revelation - 9 books). The rest of the books in the New Testament were also letters written by people such as Peter, John, and James, the brother of Jesus. Regardless of the author, these letters remind us how to live and act as Christians.

We are Christians! That means we believe in Jesus Christ. We do our best every day to live by the teachings of Jesus and the beliefs of our Armenian Church. Sometimes it's hard to do the right thing, especially in difficult situations. But if we are going to write our Life Stories and we want our story to be GREAT, then it's important that we remember to always let God guide our decisions, choices, and basically our lives!

Faith at Home:

- Talk with your child/ren about the importance of reading the Bible and having daily prayer and conversations with God.
- Explain how the Bible teaches us to follow the example of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ and be good Christians.
- Talk to your child/ren about good and bad choices.
- Make a routine to read short passages of the Bible every day.

Prayer & Worship: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity to learn from the Bible. We pray that we will be Christ-like examples of your saving grace to everyone we encounter. Amen.

Liturgical Calendar: The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a major feast, or daghavar. It falls on the Sunday closest to September 14. This feast day commemorates two distinct historical events. The first event relates to the earliest public act of venerating the cross, which is attributed to the Apostle James, the first bishop of Jerusalem. He raised a four-armed cross made in the likeness of Christ's Cross in full view of the assembly of the faithful, and recited the prayer (now a chant in the Armenian Church): "O Christ, we bow down to your cross." The second occasion when the cross was made the object of special veneration is the return of the cross from captivity. The city of Jerusalem was captured by the Persians in 610 A.D. Among the articles taken as a treasure was the cross. You can imagine how distressed the Christians were to have their precious cross taken away by people who did not venerate it. In 627 A.D. the Emperor Heraclius with the help of Armenian army defeated the Persians, returned the cross to Jerusalem and in 628 A.D. and placed it in its original location in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. This is what we remember on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.