

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



Faith at Home

Parent Handout 04/07/19

Theme of the Sunday: Sunday of ADVENT or The Second Coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Verse of the Sunday: "Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."
Matthew 24:42

Message/Moral of the day: Jesus talks about being prepared a few times in the Bible. We never know when we will meet Jesus, but no matter when that is, if it's in two seconds from now, or 100 years from now, we need to be ready.

Just like you wouldn't want to go on a hike without all the proper equipment, we don't want to meet Jesus with our hearts all wrong. We want to be living the life He asked us to live. We want to obey our parents, help others, read our Bibles, and ask for forgiveness when we may not have followed His commandments.

Faith at Home:

- Talk with your child/ren about the importance to prepare in advance to achieve success.
- Share your own stories of failure, because of not being ready.
- Talk about what needs to be fixed or achieved to make sure that our hearts are ready for the coming of the Lord.

Prayer & Worship: Heavenly Father, as we look forward to our Lord's return, help us to make sure that our hearts and minds are clean, pure, and ready for Him. Amen.

Liturgical Calendar: Upon coming of age, Gregory married a woman called Miriam, a devout Christian who was the daughter of a Christian Armenian prince in Cappadocia. From their union, Miriam bore Gregory two children, their sons Vrtanes and Aristaces. Through Vrtanes, Gregory and Miriam would have further descendants and when Gregory died, Aristaces succeeded him. At some point, Miriam and Gregory separated in order that Gregory might take up a monastic life. Gregory left Cappadocia and went to Armenia in the hope of atoning for his father's crime by evangelizing his homeland.[8]

At that time Tiridates III, son of the late King Khosrov II, reigned. Influenced partly by the fact that Gregory was the son of his father's enemy, he ordered Gregory imprisoned for twelve (some sources indicate fourteen) years in a pit on the Ararat Plain under the present day church of Khor Virap located near the historical city Artashat in Armenia.