

Memorial Paper Flower

On April 24, Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day, thousands of people gather at *Tsitsernakaberd* (the Armenian Genocide memorial complex) in Yerevan to honor the memory of the victims by laying flowers at the eternal flame.

Your students will find great meaning in making memorial flowers to honor this important day. Allow them to make as many flowers as they wish and when finished, take the flowers to a place on your church grounds where they can lay them to honor their memory.



What you Need

- ⇒ Tissue paper (red, orange, blue, and white)
- ⇒ Pipe cleaners
- ⇒ Markers (optional)
- ⇒ Template of Note Card (to follow)

Preparation before Activity

- ⇒ Cut tissue paper into squares. All squares have to be the same size and the sides have to be even. (Each child needs 7 squares.)
- ⇒ Print Note Card Template (cut out, and punch hole at top of each)

What to Do:

1. Cut 7 pieces of tissue paper into squares. All 7 have to be the same size and the sides have to be even.
2. To make it look more like a flower, take each individual piece of tissue paper and crinkle it up in your fist.
3. Once you've crinkled all 7, spread them back out and lay each piece on top of each other.
4. Once they are all on top of each other, fold a little bit on top and flip it to the back and fold the same amount on that side, just like you would do if you were making a paper fan.
5. When you are done folding all of it, hold the middle, take a pipe cleaner, and wrap it around the middle for a stem.
6. Carefully without ripping the paper, spread out the pieces from each other and shape it into a flower.



7. Attach note card. Students may write a message and/or sign the back, if they wish.

