

# Unit One\* All About God\* Being Holy

## Knowing God\* The Holy Trinity

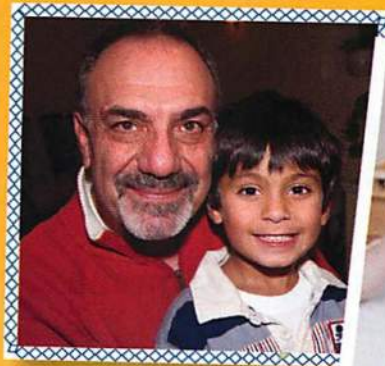


### We Speak to God

All-Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, help us know you and love you. Let us be your heart and hands in the world, loving others and being the church together. In your name we pray. +Hanoon Hor, yev Vortvo, yev Hokvooyn Srpo. Amen.

### Let's Talk

Some of you may call your grandfather Grandpa, Gramps or Medz Baba. Your mom might call him Dad or Hayrig. Your grandfather's friends may call him by his first name. Yet, he is still the same loving person – just called by different names.



### Listen to This

Hasmig was seven years old. She was spending the weekend with her grandfather. She loved him very much. Often they would go fishing in the lake near her grandfather's house. One Saturday afternoon, they were in a rowboat on the lake when Hasmig said, "Grandfather, may I ask you a question?"

"Of course, is it about fishing?"

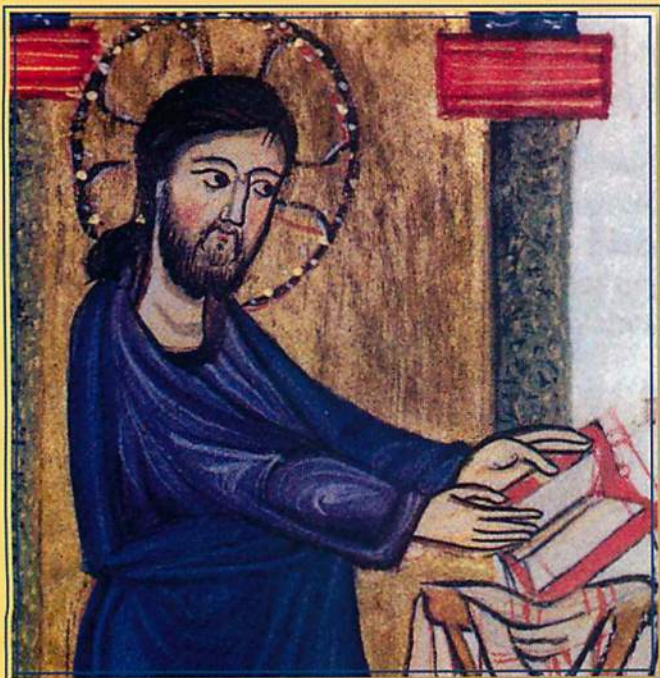


“No, my Sunday School teacher read a Bible story about how God created the world, and I wondered - was Jesus there, too?”

Grandfather waited a moment. Then he answered, “That is quite a question, my anooshig (this means “little sweet one” in Armenian). I will do

my best to answer it. Yes, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit were there at the Creation. Jesus carried God’s words to earth, and the Holy Spirit watched as God created the waters of the earth. In the Armenian Church, we believe that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are part of God the Father.”

Hasmig sat quietly for a few minutes, thinking about what her grandfather had told her.



## God Speaks to Us

“Go to the people of all nations. Tell them to believe in God. Baptize them **in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit**. Teach them everything I have taught you. I will be with you always.”

*Matthew 28*



# We Learn About God

Here are some stories from the Bible telling us about the Holy Trinity.

From Hasmig's story, you learned that Jesus and the Holy Spirit were there with God the Father as he created the world.

## God created the waters.

*Genesis 1*



When you were in kindergarten, you heard a story about a man named John the Baptist who traveled through Palestine helping people to get ready for Jesus.

Those who believed what John said followed him to the River Jordan where he baptized them. John also baptized Jesus in the River Jordan. At the moment of his baptism, God sent the Holy Spirit down from heaven in the form of a dove. As it flew down toward Jesus, God said:

**This is my son. I love him.**

*Mark 1: 9-11*

God was there. Jesus was there. The Holy Spirit was there.

Jesus and Peter, James and John, his disciples, went up on a high mountain. Jesus' face was shining like the sun, and his clothes were sparkling white. Moses and Elijah appeared. They talked with Jesus.

A voice from above said,  
"This is my Son.  
Listen to what he says."

*Luke 9:28-36*





# Our Armenian Way

Before prayers and after prayers, we remember the Trinity by saying, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. +Hanoon Hor, yev Vortvo, yev Hokvooyrn Srpo. Amen.

Here is part of a hymn, honoring the Holy Trinity, sung during the Badarak.

Holy is the Father  
Holy is the Son  
Holy is the Spirit

Amen. Hayr Soorp Ամէն. Հայր Սուրբ



A - men. Hayr Soorp.  
Vor - teet Soorp.  
Ho - keet Soorp.

## Hearts and Hands

There is only one God.

We call the three persons in one God, the Holy Trinity.

There are three persons in one God

God the Father,

God the Son,

and God the Holy Spirit.



## For My Family

### Sharing Our Faith

During the Badarak and other services, we honor the Holy Trinity in prayer and in song.

The concept of the Trinity is difficult to explain to children. With the help of the Bible, the children heard three stories in which the Holy Trinity was present — the creation of the world, the baptism of Jesus Christ, and his transfiguration.

### Living Our Faith

1. At the beginning or end of a bedtime prayer, ask your child to make the sign of the cross, saying: +Hanoon Hor, yev Vortvo, yev Hokvooyrn Srpo. Amen. (In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)
2. With the help of your child, hang the cross that he or she has made as a reminder of the Holy Trinity.
3. Gather twigs on a walk and make a cross for a special family member or friend.

