

## WISDOM OF THE FATHERS

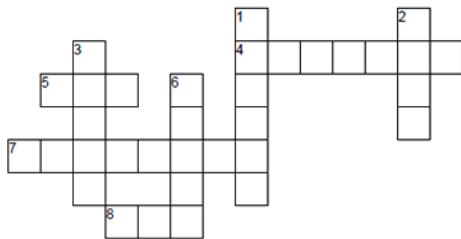
Just like a dog runs far away at great speed when he sees the stick with which they have beaten him, Satan is struck with fear when he sees one making the sign of the cross. For he sees the Cross of Christ that destroys his power, and for that reason, trembling, he flees from those dedicated to the Lord.

- From the Book "Spiritual Warfare"

## GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)

Complete the activity below.



### ACROSS

4. Lasting forever; without end
5. Male offspring
7. Accept something as being true, genuine, or real
8. The creator of heaven and earth

### DOWN

1. To die or be destroyed
2. To rescue from danger or harm
3. The earth with its inhabitants and everything on it
6. Cared very deeply for someone

ETERNAL	WORLD	PERISH	SAVE
LOVED	GOD	BELIEVES	SON

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## SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

It is true that we don't want those whom we love to make mistakes or to fail and hurt, but sometimes we need to allow them to learn certain things through experience; because through experience what is attained cannot be forgotten at all and will make them more resilient and self-confident.



## LIVING YOUR FAITH

Fourth Sunday of Transfiguration | John 3:13-21

There is a phrase in English, "Seeing is believing". This means that we will only believe something when we see it with our own eyes. However, this is not what Jesus teaches us about believing. Believing means we must live our faith.

Sometimes we think (and are taught) that all we have to do is believe in Jesus and we are saved (going to heaven). That is a major part of our salvation, but not all of it. For Armenians and all Orthodox Christians, believing is not a psychological or mental act or just a phrase we say, but it is an entire lifestyle.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says that whoever believes in Him will go to heaven (John 3:16). But what does that mean? It means that we must live and show our faith every chance we have. We do this by helping people in need. Defending friends and others against bullies. Praying without being afraid or embarrassed. Attending church and receiving Holy Communion.

It is not easy to live and show what we believe in this world because this world does not agree with our faith all the time. People will make fun of us and call us names. They will think we are strange or weird. They will even try to convince us not to believe in Jesus, but Jesus promises that He will always be with us and we will live forever with Him.

How can you show your faith and belief in Jesus this week?

What can you do differently, so people know you are a Christian?

Have you ever felt God with you when you needed Him?

## ARMENIAN WORDS TO KNOW FROM HOLY BADARAK

հաւատալ => ha-va-dal => to believe

**Հաւատամք** ի մի Աստուած  
**Havadamk** ee mee Asdvadz.

We believe in one God.

(An example is on page 18 in the Liturgy Book)

## DECODER PUZZLE

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Complete the activity.

The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

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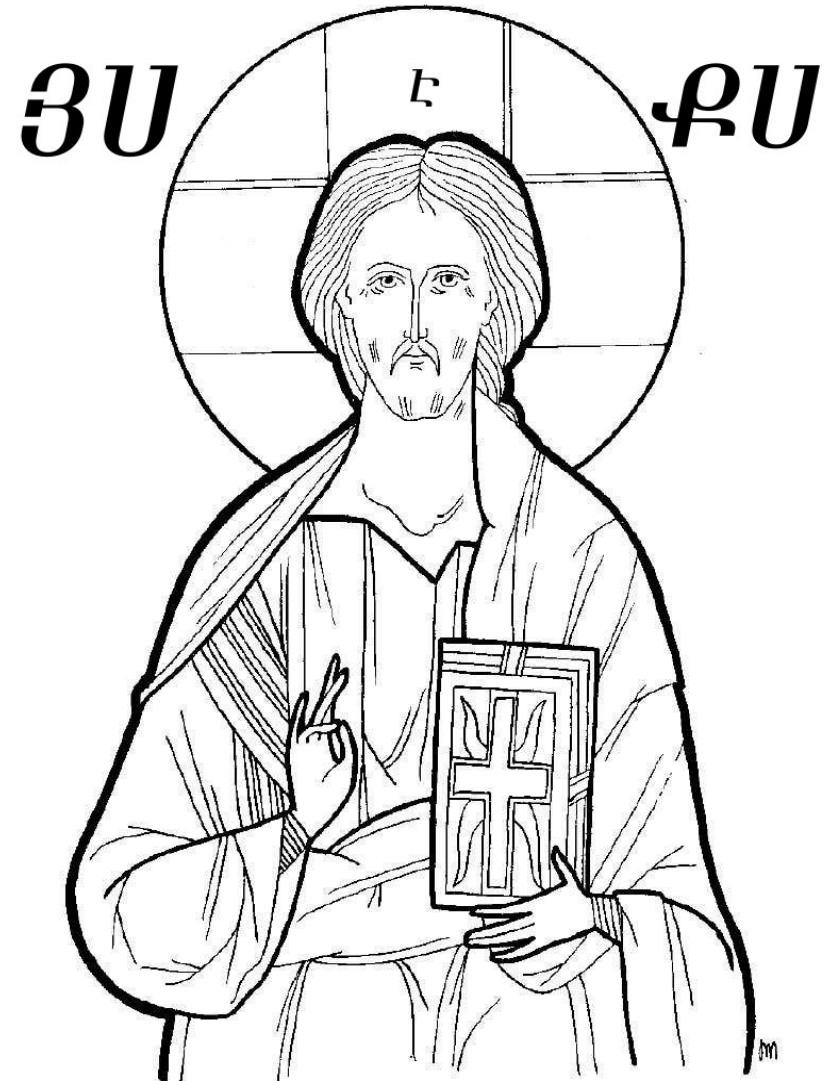
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- 12-9-6-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7-1-22-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5-20-5-18-14-1-12 \_\_\_\_\_
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SON  
WORLD

ETERNAL  
PERISH

GAVE  
LIFE

LOVED  
GOD



For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

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