

Unit 4: GOD'S LOVE TRANSFORMS US

Lesson 4.6 Sixth Sunday of Great Lent - Sunday of Advent

Teacher Preparation and Materials Needed:

Video Lesson: [Bread & Salt: Doors of Mercy](#) (duration 5:29)

Classroom Activity:

MORAL CHARACTER FOCUS:

Continuous prayer and readiness.

Words of the week:

զգօն – uzkon – alert

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աղօթել – aghotel – to pray

Memory Verse:

“So stay awake and alert, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.”

Matthew 24:42

Lesson

Lesson Opening & Creating Interest:

**Wisdom Prayer, written by St. Nersess the Grace-filled (Shnorhali).*

Open with prayer:

Իմաստութիւն Յօր՝ Յիսուս, տո՛ւր ինձ իմաստութիւն, զբարիս խորհել եւ խօսել եւ գործել առաջի Քո՝ յամենայն ժամ. ի չար խորհրդոց եւ ի բանից եւ ի գործոց փրկեա՛ զիս. եւ ողորմեա՛ Քո արարածոց եւ ինձ բազմամեղիս: Ամէն

Eemasdootyoon Hor Heesoos, door eents eemasdootyoon uzparees khorel yev khosel yev kordz arachi ko hamenayn jham. Ee char khorhrtos yev paneets yen kordzots prgya zees yev voghormya ko araradzots eents pazmameghees. Amen.

Wisdom of the Father, O Jesus, grant to me the wisdom to think, speak, and do that which is good in Your sight. Save me from all evil and distracting thoughts, words, and deeds. Have mercy upon your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.

Lesson Body:

The Sunday of Advent (Kalsdyan Geeragee) is the sixth and final Sunday of Great Lent. The word ‘advent’ means coming or arrival, and, on this Sunday, we have an opportunity to reflect upon the mystery of the first coming of Christ, His birth, and His second coming which is one of the core beliefs of the Armenian Orthodox Church.

Q: *Why did Christ come to the world?*

Through His birth, Christ came to the world for the salvation of mankind. During His ministry, He reminded His disciples and the faithful to always be ready, alert and watchful for His return, because He will come again, when we least expect it, to judge the living and the dead according to their deeds, granting eternal life to those who have done good and eternal torture to those who have done evil.

He said, “Then people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. He will send out his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.” (Mark 13:26-27)

We began Great Lent after celebrating Poon Paregentan and with each Sunday, we learned how to be prepared for His arrival. The Sunday of Advent is in preparation of the following Sunday, Palm Sunday, which is the celebration of the glorious entry of our Lord into Jerusalem and the symbolic beginning of Holy Week, which leads us to the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Traditionally, in the evening of the Palm Sunday, the Armenian Church perform the service named “The Opening of the Doors,” Դռնբացէք (Trnpatsek) in Armenian. This is a part of the Vespers Service (Evening Service) of Palm Sunday, celebrated at sundown.

Traditionally, this service is held inside the narthex (the first part of the church) before the doors entering the sanctuary. At the conclusion of the service, the doors open and all the faithful are invited inside the church, which symbolizes the faithful entering the heavenly Jerusalem at Christ’s second coming.

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So, what do we do to prepare for Christ’s Second coming? The answer to this question is in Matthew 24:42, “So stay awake and alert, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.”

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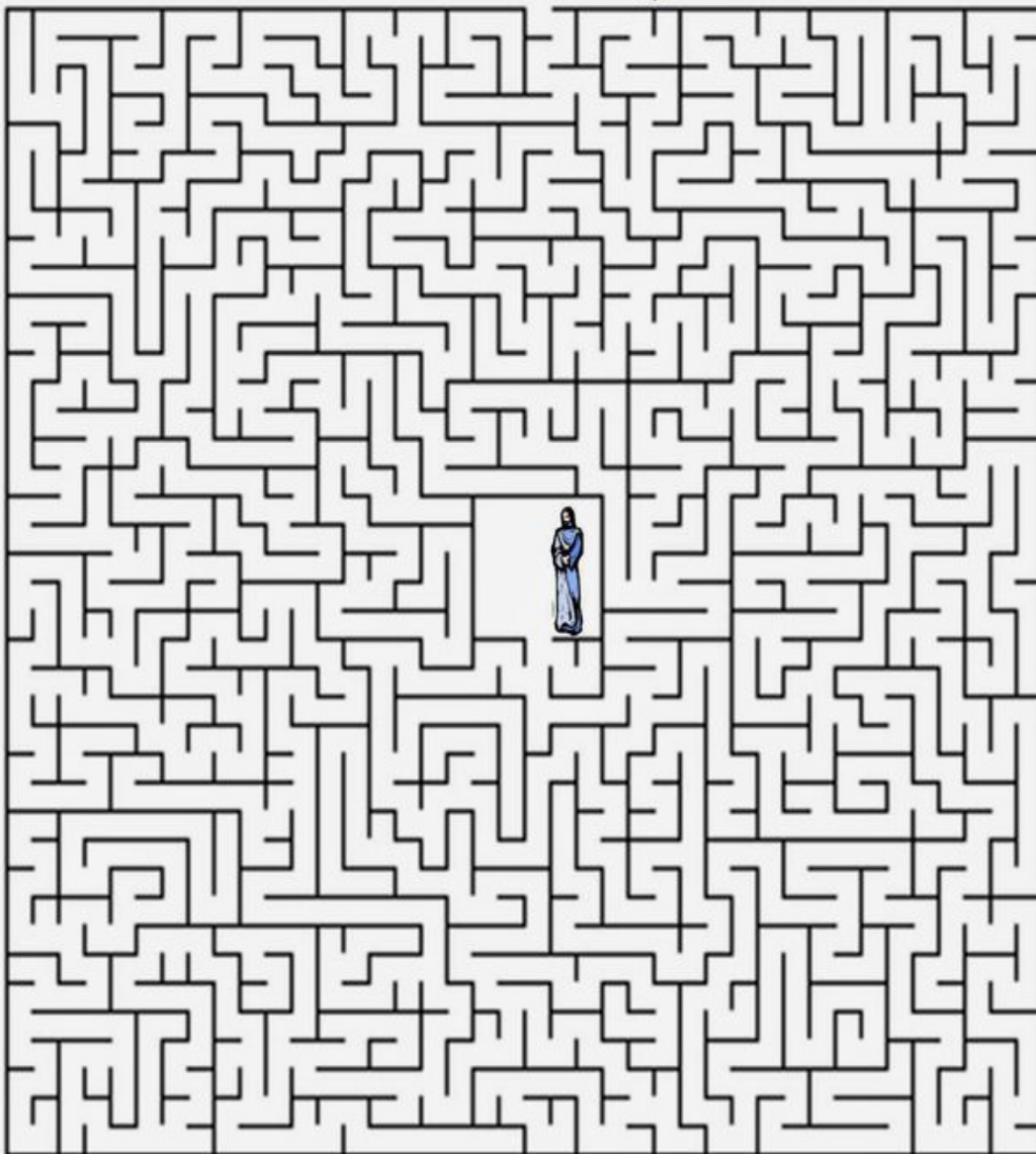
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Review

Memory Verse Review:

“So stay awake and alert, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.” (Matthew 24:42)

Lesson Review:

Questions:

1. What does ‘advent’ mean? (It means ‘coming’ or ‘arrival’)
2. What ‘coming’ or ‘arrival’ are we remembering and preparing for? (There are two arrivals we are remembering and preparing for: Palm Sunday, Christ’s arrival in Jerusalem and His Second Coming at the end of the world)
3. Christ’s entrance into Jerusalem is the symbolic beginning of what? (Holy Week)
4. What service is traditionally performed on Palm Sunday evening? (The Opening of the Doors – Trnpatsek)
5. What does this service symbolize? (The faithful entering the heavenly Jerusalem at Christ’s second coming)

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Life Application:

Try to pray every day, be honest, read your bible and wait for Jesus’s second coming with an open heart.

** Departing Prayer, written by St. Nersess the Grace-filled (Shnorhali).*

Close with prayer:

Պահապան ամենայնի Քրիստոս, աջ Քո հովանի լիցի ի վերայ իմ, ի տուէ եւ ի գիշերի, ի նստիլ ի տան, ի գնալ ի ճանապարհ, ի ննջել եւ ի յառնել, զի մի երբեք սասանեցայց եւ ողորմեա՛ Քո արարածոց եւ ինձ բազմամեղիս: Ամէն

Bahaban amenayn Kreesdos, ach Ko hovanee leetsee ee vera eem; ee dveh yev ee keesher-ee, ee nsdeel ee dan, ee knal ee janabarh, ee nunchel yev ee harnel, zee mee yerpek sanetsayts yev voghormya Ko araradzots yev eents pazmamyghees. Amen.

O Christ, guardian of all, let Your right hand guard and shelter me, by day and by night, at home and abroad, in sleeping and in waking, that I may never stumble. Have mercy upon Your creatures and upon me, a great sinner. Amen.

At Home

Please memorize by next week:

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