

Unit 5: MANY BLESSINGS OF OUR LORD

Lesson 5.2 Green Sunday: Starting Anew

Teacher Preparation and Materials Needed:

Craft Activity: Colors of Faith Bracelet
Directions and supplies [Here](#).

Song

Armenian: [Kreesdos Ee Mech](#) (duration 1:51)

English: [Christ in Our Midst](#) (duration 1:51)

Words of the week:

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Moral Character Focus:

In this lesson, the children will understand how unity in faith and service is important for the success of the Church.

Memory Verse:

“Behold, I make all things new.”

- Revelation 21:5

Lesson

Lesson Opening & Creating Interest:

Open with prayer:

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 Sundays that follow Easter, the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, are very special and have special names. The first Sunday is called New Sunday, the second Sunday is Green Sunday, and the third is called Red Sunday (which we will learn about next week). New Sunday is celebrated as a new beginning for a better, God-pleasing life. Great Lent and Holy Week were times to prepare us for the new life and to apply what we have had about being better.

Q: Can you try to remember what we were supposed to do to renew ourselves and be better servants of God? (Praying at home and at the church, acts of service and helping others, saying no to bad behaviors and habits)

The second Sunday, which is today, is called Green Sunday or the Sunday of the Universal Church. This Sunday teaches us about how we as Christians and God's children must unite in living by God's word and teaching others to do the same. This is a time to celebrate the Universal Church. This means the Church is not just a building that we visit every Sunday, but is a union of all Christian people. We, one by one, gathering in Jesus's name, make the great Universal Church. This also means we have other Christian brothers and sisters outside of the Armenian Church, such as Greek, Coptic, Indian and more. All these churches are united under the same belief that was taught by the apostles, accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. This way we belong to a great family of believers.

Q: Can you think of how Christians unite to become the Universal Church? (Ex. Praying for a safe and peaceful world, being an example for doing good, serving, and helping those in need, helping the poor, caring for widows and orphans, fasting, etc.)

Next Sunday is called Red Sunday, and it represents the blood of the martyrs, all those who sacrificed their lives for the glory of God. By celebrating this Sunday, we remember their life and give thanks for what they have done. We will learn more about that in our next lesson.

So, to continue our life the way Jesus taught us, it is important for us to use everything we learned during Great Lent and Holy Week. Sometimes to remember what our faith and Christian journey is about needs reminders. We can make a *Colors of Faith Bracelet*. These bracelets will make a great gift for someone you love, who is graduating Sunday School, high school or taking on a new journey in life. This can be a beautiful reminder of everything that our Lord and Savior taught us and did for us, and how we are a part of His Universal Church.



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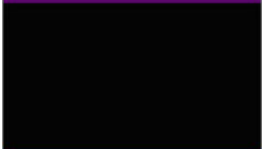





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Craft Activity: Colors of Faith Bracelet

Directions Here:

	Purple reminds us that God is King Deuteronomy 10:17
	Black is for our sins Romans 3:9
	Red is for the blood that Jesus shed for us Romans 3:25
	White is for our forgiveness Psalm 51:7
	Blue is for our baptism Mark 16:16
	Green is for how we grow in knowing God 2 Peter 3:18
	Yellow is for our eternal life in Heaven Revelation 21:18

This craft can be made as:

- Bracelets
- Bookmarks
- Key chains
- Door hangers
- Necklaces

NOTE: Supplies will vary based on your choice of the activity.



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Review

Memory Verse Review:

“Behold, I make all things new.” (Revelation 21:5)

Lesson Review:

1. What are the three Sundays following Easter called? (New Sunday, Green Sunday, and Red Sunday)
2. What are some ways we can show unity in the Universal Church? (*Praying for a safe and peaceful world, being an example for doing good, serving, and helping those in need, helping the poor, caring for widows and orphans, fasting, etc.*)
3. What does Red Sunday represent? (The blood of the martyrs)
4. How are we supposed to renew ourselves and be better servants of God? (Praying at home and at the church, acts of service and helping others, saying no to bad behaviors and habits)

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Life Application:

Stand together with friends and family in your faith and service.

Close with prayer:

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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