

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Armenian Church Curriculum

WE BELIEVE: The Holy Trinity, the Church, and the Creed

CRAFTS PACKET

All Grades | 5-Day Program

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)

CRAFT SYMBOL BY DAY

Day	Lesson Theme	Craft Symbol	Felt Pieces	Notes
Day 1	Holy Trinity	Bible	3	Background circle, Bible pages, Bible cover
Day 2	God the Father	Earth + Banner Strips	4 + 2 strips	Background circle, Earth circle, land pieces, God's hand, plus two title strips
Day 3	Jesus Christ	Cross	4	Background circle, cross, grass hill, purple sash (or ribbon)
Day 4	The Holy Spirit	Dove	2	Background circle, dove
Day 5	The Creed & Church	Baptismal Shell + Nicene Creed	5 + 1 card	Background circle, shell, 3 water drops, Creed rectangle, printed Creed card

NOTE ON THIS PACKET:

This craft packet accompanies the five-day VBS lesson series on the Holy Trinity, the Nicene Creed, and the Church.

Each day's craft symbol is chosen to reflect that day's theological theme and lesson content.

Craft instructions, pro-tips, and template references are organized by day below.

Template cut-out sheets should be printed separately and are referenced by number throughout this packet.

INTRO — MATERIALS & GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

MATERIALS LIST — ALL GRADES

Each Child Needs:	Class Supplies:	Felt Colors Needed:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 felt sheet, 12 x 18 inches, dark blue (recommend stiff felt for banner base) • 1 wooden dowel rod, approx. 16" long, 3mm diameter • Printed Nicene Creed on white cardstock (3 x 5.5") - see Template 13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scissors • Liquid craft glue or fabric glue • Markers • Ribbon - any color for banner hanging • Purple ribbon (for cross sash, optional) • Hot glue gun • Ruler • Glitter glue / puffy paint • Foam alphabet letters • Felt alphabet letters • Ziplock bags (labeled with children's names) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark blue - 12x18" base banner (1 per child) • Light blue - 5 background circles (3.5x3.5"), 2 banner title strips, 1 Creed border rectangle • White - Bible pages, dove, baptismal shell, water drops • Royal blue - Earth/water circle • Brown - Cross • Green - Cross grass hill, Earth land • Tan - God's hand • Purple - Cross sash (or substitute purple ribbon)

PRO-TIPS:

Pour liquid glue onto paper plates for children to share. Use Q-tips to dip and brush glue onto each felt piece.

Keep labeled Ziplock bags for each child to store unfinished pieces or missed-day cutouts.

Consider pre-cutting felt symbols for younger age groups (PreK–Grade 3). During class, younger children can focus on gluing symbols onto the background circles and attaching them to the banner.

For older age groups (Grades 4–6), consider printing a packet of templates for each child so they can cut and trace their own pieces each day.

Craft leaders may print one "class set" of templates for groups to share and trace from.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR CRAFT LEADERS:

It is the church and craft leader's discretion how to approach the steps and preparations for this five-day project.

Depending on children's ages, motor skills, and available time, the craft leader may need to adjust or make extra preparations before class.

After finishing the craft each day, consider a brief follow-up activity: a scavenger hunt to find the day's symbol in the church sanctuary (discuss its location and meaning), or a short discussion connecting the symbol to the day's lesson from the Creed.

DAY 1**Holy Trinity***Craft Symbol: The Bible - God's Word Revealed to Us***PART A: DOWEL ROD & RIBBON BANNER (Day 1 - All Grades)**

The banner is assembled on Day 1 and receives a new symbol each day. The dowel and ribbon are attached on Day 1 only.

Instructions:

1. Using a hot glue gun, place a line of glue along the middle of the wooden dowel, leaving about 2 inches unglued on each end.
2. Place the dark blue felt banner on the hot glue line. Center the banner so that approximately 2 inches of dowel extends on each side.
3. Wrap the banner around the dowel and secure it with another line of hot glue along the edge.
4. Cut a ribbon approximately 24 inches long.
5. Leaving about 1.5–2 inches of ribbon on each end, tie the ribbon to the dowel rod on each side to create a hanger. See example photo for reference.

PRO-TIP:

For younger age groups, this step can be completed by the craft leader before or after class. For older age groups, children may assist or complete this step independently (with supervision at the hot glue gun).

PART B: BIBLE CRAFT (Day 1 — All Grades)

Lesson connection: On Day 1, we learn that the Holy Trinity is One God in Three Persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Bible represents God's Word: the revelation of the Trinity to us through Scripture and the Creed.

Templates needed: Template 1 (background circle), Template 2 (Bible pages), Template 3 (Bible cover)

1. Cut out the printed background circle (Template 1).
2. Use a marker to trace Template 1 onto light blue felt. Cut out.
3. Cut out the printed Bible pages (Template 2).
4. Use a light-colored marker to trace Template 2 onto white felt. Cut out.
5. Cut out the printed Bible cover rectangle (Template 3).
6. Use a marker to trace Template 3 onto any color of felt — child's choice. Cut out.
7. Glue the white Bible pages onto the Bible cover felt.
8. Glue the completed Bible onto the light blue background circle.
9. Glue the Bible circle onto the banner in the designated spot (see example photo).

DAY 2

God the Father

Craft Symbol: The Earth - God the Father, Creator of All Things

PART A: EARTH CRAFT (Day 2 - All Grades)

Lesson connection: On Day 2, we learn about God the Father - Creator, Provider, and Father of All. The Earth held in God's hand represents His creative power and His loving care for everything He has made.

Templates needed: Template 1 (background circle), Template 8 (Earth circle), Template 9 (land), Template 10 (God's hand)

1. Cut out the printed background circle (Template 1). Trace onto light blue felt. Cut out.
2. Cut out the printed Earth circle (Template 8). Trace onto royal blue felt. Cut out.
3. Cut out the printed Earth land pieces (Template 9). Trace onto green felt. Cut out.
4. Cut out the printed hand (Template 10). Trace onto tan felt. Cut out.
5. Glue the green land pieces onto the royal blue Earth circle to create the globe.
6. Glue the Earth at the top center of the light blue background circle.
7. Glue the tan hand on top of the Earth, so it appears that God is holding the Earth in His hand.
8. Glue the Earth circle onto the banner in the designated spot (see example photo).

PART B: BANNER TITLE STRIPS (Day 2 — All Grades)

The banner title strips are added on Day 2. Children personalize them with their name, church, year, or VBS title.

Instructions:

1. Cut two light-blue felt rectangular strips, approximately 2 x 12 inches each.
2. Decorate with a choice of information: child's name, year, church name, "VBS," etc.
3. Suggested supplies: glitter glue, puffy paint, pre-cut felt letters, and foam letters.
4. Glue or attach the strips to the banner in the designated spots (see example photo).

DAY 3

Jesus Christ, the Son of God

Craft Symbol: The Cross - Our Savior's Sacrifice and Resurrection

CROSS CRAFT (Day 3 - All Grades)

Lesson connection: On Day 3, we learn about Jesus Christ — the Son of God, truly God and truly human, who suffered, died, rose again, and ascended into heaven. The purple-sashed cross on the hill is the sign of His saving work.

Templates needed: Template 1 (background circle), Template 5 (cross), Template 6 (grass hill), Template 7 (purple sash)

1. Cut out the printed background circle (Template 1). Trace onto light blue felt. Cut out.
2. Cut out the printed cross (Template 5). Trace onto brown felt. Cut out.
3. Cut out the printed grass hill (Template 6). Trace onto green felt. Cut out.
4. Option A: Cut out the printed sash (Template 7). Trace onto purple felt. Cut out.
5. Option B: Measure and cut a 4-inch piece of purple ribbon to use instead of the felt sash.
6. Glue the green grass hill to the bottom of the light blue background circle.
7. Wrap the purple sash (felt or ribbon) around the horizontal beam of the cross and glue it together.
8. Glue the cross on top of the grass hill on the background circle.
9. Glue the Cross circle onto the banner in the designated spot (see example photo).

DAY 4

The Holy Spirit

Craft Symbol: The Dove - Sanctifier, Life-Giver, Descended upon the Jordan

DOVE CRAFT (Day 4 - All Grades)

Lesson connection: On Day 4, we learn about the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier and Life-Giver who spoke through the Law, prophets, and Gospels; who came down upon the Jordan; and who dwells in the saints. The dove is the visible sign of the Spirit's descent at the Baptism of Jesus. Note for teachers: the dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit, not the Spirit Himself.

Templates needed: Template 1 (background circle), Template 4 (dove)

1. Cut out the printed background circle (Template 1). Trace onto light blue felt. Cut out.
2. Cut out the printed dove (Template 4). Use a light-colored marker to trace onto white felt. Cut out.
3. Glue the dove onto the light blue background circle.
4. Glue the Dove circle onto the banner in the designated spot (see example photo).

DAY 5

The Creed and the Church

Craft Symbols: The Baptismal Shell and the Nicene Creed

PART A: BAPTISMAL SHELL CRAFT (Day 5 - All Grades)

Lesson connection: On Day 5, we learn about the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church and the Nicene Creed, which serves as our statement of faith. The baptismal shell and water drops represent our entry into the Church through Holy Baptism and our confession of one faith.

Templates needed: Template 1 (background circle), Template 11 (shell and water drops)

1. Cut out the printed background circle (Template 1). Trace onto light blue felt. Cut out.
2. Cut out the printed Baptismal shell and water droplets (Template 11). Use a light-colored marker to trace onto white felt. Cut out.
3. Pro-Tip: A single water droplet template can be used to trace three individual drops, rather than tracing all three from a single combined template.
4. Glue the shell and droplets onto the light blue background circle.
5. Glue the Baptism circle onto the banner in the designated spot (see example photo).

PART B: NICENE CREED CRAFT (Day 5 — All Grades)

The Nicene Creed is printed and mounted as the final element of the banner, anchoring everything the children have learned across the five days.

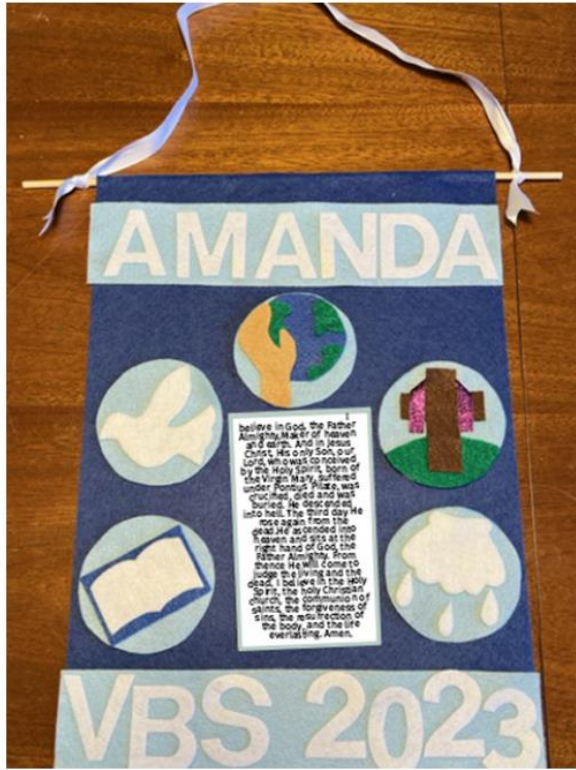
Templates needed: Template 12 (felt rectangle border), Template 13 (printed Nicene Creed card)

1. Cut out the printed rectangle (Template 12). Trace onto light blue felt. Cut out.
2. Glue the printed Nicene Creed card (Template 13, printed on white cardstock, 3 x 5.5") onto the light blue felt rectangle.
3. Glue the mounted Creed to the banner in the designated spot (see example photo).

TEMPLATE REFERENCE GUIDE

All templates should be printed and cut for tracing. See note below regarding corrected day labels.

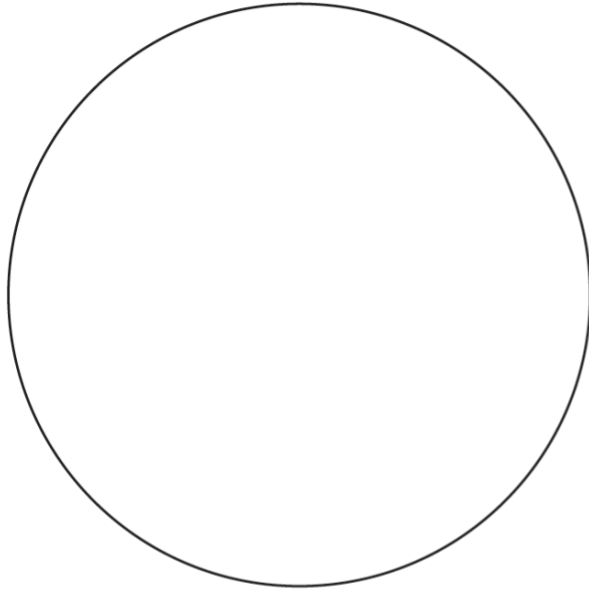
Template	Day	Description & Size	Felt Color
Template 1	Days 1–5	Background circle — 3.5 x 3.5 inches (one per child per day, 5 total)	Light Blue
Template 2	Day 1	Bible pages — 2.7 x 1.62 inches	White
Template 3	Day 1	Bible cover rectangle — 2.93 x 1.96 inches	Child's choice
Template 4	Day 4	Dove — 3.29 x 2.8 inches	White
Template 5	Day 3	Cross — 2.45 x 3.06 inches	Brown
Template 6	Day 3	Cross grass hill — 3.4 x 1.53 inches	Green
Template 7	Day 3	Cross sash — 1.68 x 1.89 inches (may substitute purple ribbon)	Purple
Template 8	Day 2	Earth circle — 2.6 x 2.6 inches	Royal Blue
Template 9	Day 2	Earth land pieces — 2.6 x 2.56 inches	Green
Template 10	Day 2	God's hand — 1.68 x 3.06 inches	Tan
Template 11	Day 5	Baptismal shell and water drops — 2.75 x 3.25 inches	White
Template 12	Day 5	Nicene Creed border rectangle — 3.5 x 6 inches	Light Blue
Template 13	Day 5	Nicene Creed text — printed on white cardstock, 3 x 5.5 inches	Printed cardstock



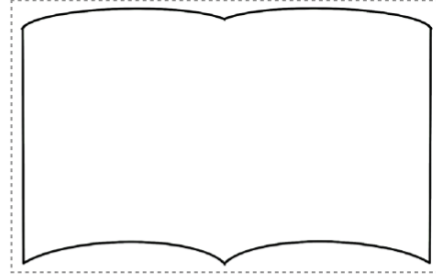
BANNER EXAMPLES

Examples of Banners with different titles using:

- felt letters
- colorful felt letters
- glitter paint



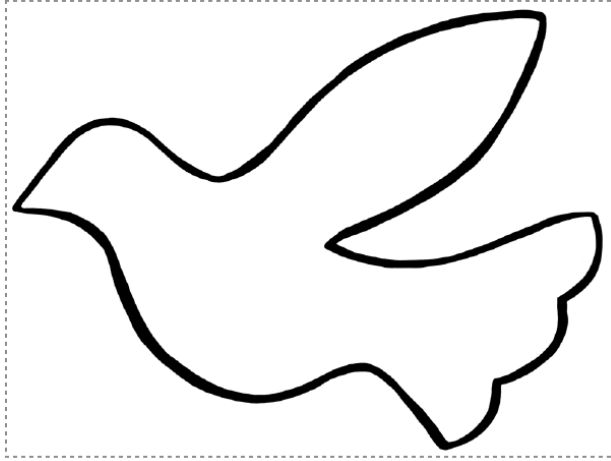
TEMPLATE 1 (DAY 1):
Each child needs 5 3.5 x 3.5" circles (1/day) in Light Blue



TEMPLATE 2 (DAY 1):
Bible Pages 2.7 x 1.62" in White

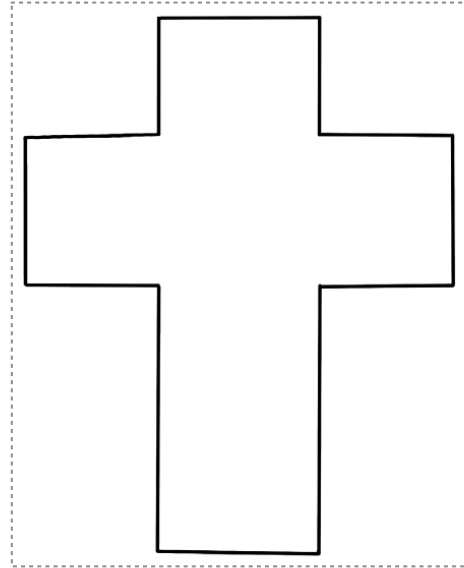


TEMPLATE 3 (DAY 1):
Bible Cover 2.93 x 1.96" Choice of Color



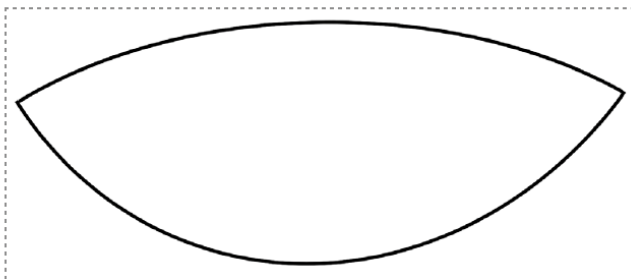
TEMPLATE 4 (DAY 4):

Dove 3.29 x 2.8" White



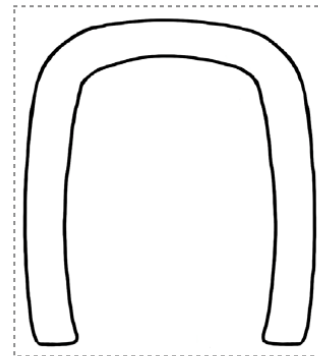
TEMPLATE 5 (DAY 3):

Cross 2.45 x 3.06" Brown



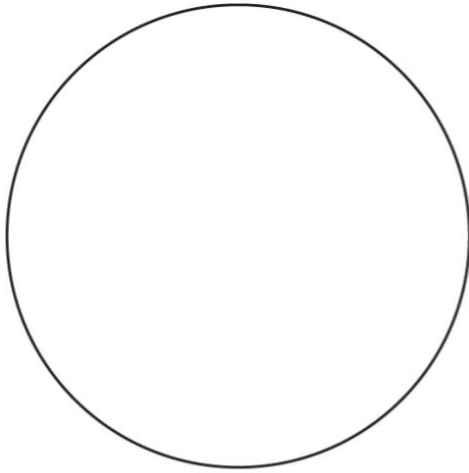
TEMPLATE 6 (DAY 3):

Cross Hill- 3.4 x 1.53" Green



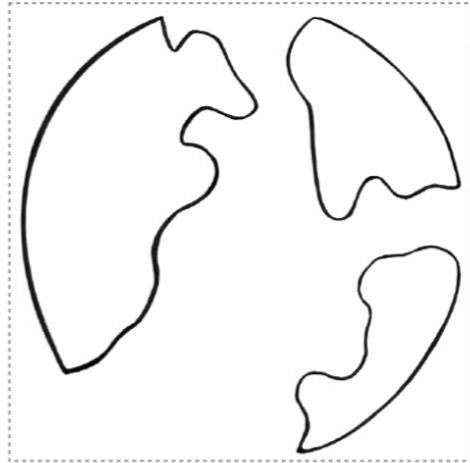
TEMPLATE 7 (DAY 3):

Sash 1.68 x 1.89" Purple (*Could substitute this template with purple ribbon)



TEMPLATE 8 (DAY 2):

Earth Circle 2.6 x 2.6" Royal Blue



TEMPLATE 9 (DAY 2):

Land- 2.6 x 2.56" Green



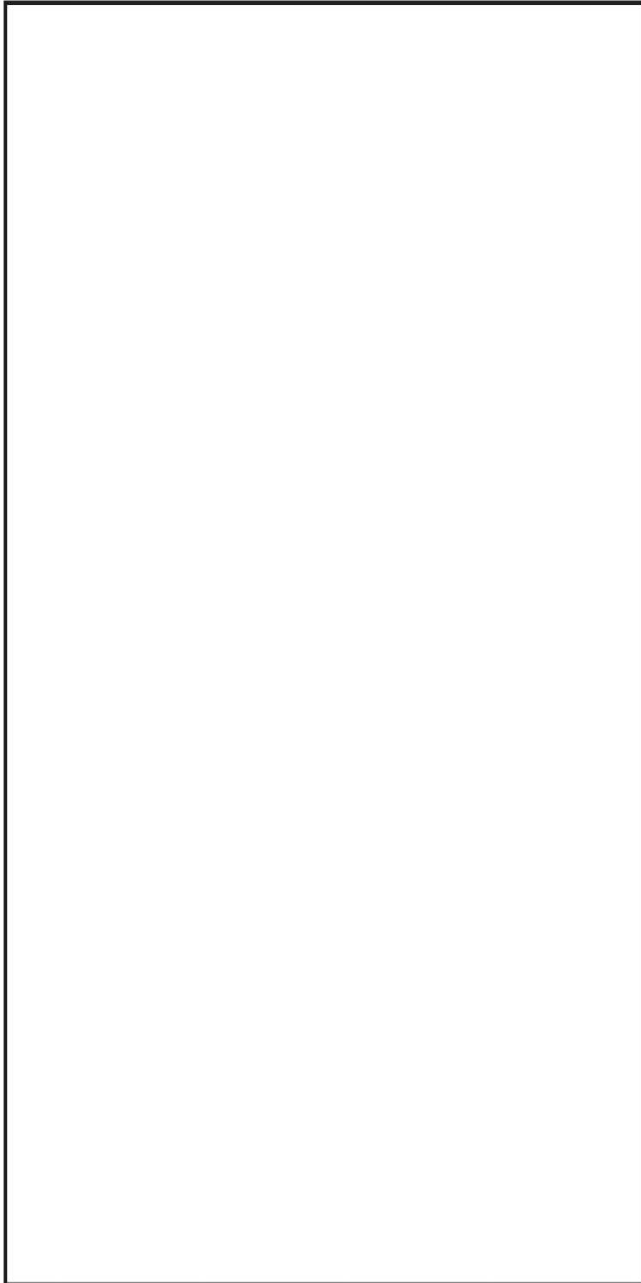
TEMPLATE 10 (DAY 2):

Hand 1.68 x 3.06" Tan



TEMPLATE 11 (DAY 5):

Baptism Shell and drops 2.75 X 3.25" White



TEMPLATE 12 (DAY 5):
Border for printed Nicene Creed
35 x 6", light blue felt

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the begotten of God the Father, the Only-begotten, that is of the essence of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten and not made; of the very same nature of the Father, by Whom all things came into being, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

Who for us humanity and for our salvation came down from heaven, was incarnate, was made human, was born perfectly of the holy virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit. By whom He took body, soul, and mind, and everything that is in man, truly and not in semblance. He suffered, was crucified, was buried, rose again on the third day, ascended into heaven with the same body, and sat at the right hand of the Father. He is to come with the same body and with the glory of the Father, to judge the living and the dead; of His kingdom there is no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, in the uncreate and the perfect; Who spoke through the Law, prophets, and Gospels; Who came down upon the Jordan, preached through the apostles, and dwelt in the saints.

We believe in One, Holy, catholic, and Apostolic Church; in one baptism, in repentance for the remission and forgiveness of sins; and in the resurrection of the dead, in the everlasting judgment of souls and bodies, and the Kingdom of Heaven and in the everlasting life.

TEMPLATE 13 (DAY 5):
Nicene Creed printed on white card-stock paper
3 x 5.5"