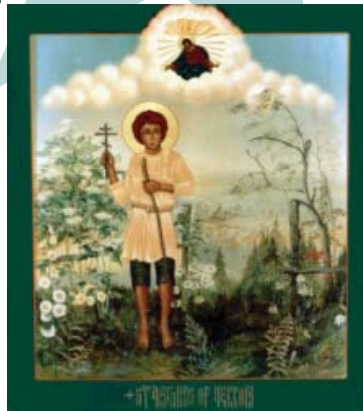


GRADES 2-3



Be like the
stars of our
faith!



TO TITHE IS TO SHARE
TO TITHE IS TO CARE

Dear Student,

As Orthodox Christians, we care about our faith and our church. One way we care is by bringing in money for the collection. We aim to bring in a dime for every dollar we receive. This is called a "tithe."

Every month you can read a page of this booklet. You will learn about four saints. They are Helen, Jacob, Artemius and Constantine. We are learning about them because they serve as good examples, or exemplars, for us. They are good stewards, thankful, dedicated to God, and trusting of God. They helped care for the church.

We need to care. We need to share.
To tithe is to share. To tithe is to care...
. . . about your church!



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Learning to Tithe

September
Be like the stars of
our faith!
Care for our Church.
Tithe.



Draw a dollar.
Draw a dime.
The dime goes
in the collec-
tion basket.

Jesus Christ gave to the Church. We help care for it when we put money into the collection basket. You can put money in too. When you receive a dollar for allowance or as a gift, put in a dime. We call this a tithe.

St. Helen

Exemplar of Stewardship Part 1

October

Be like the stars of
our faith!
Care for our Church.
Tithe.

St. Helen lived a
long, long time ago.
She loved God.

St. Helen went to
the Holy Land to
find the cross on
which Jesus died.
She found it! She
used her money to
build a beautiful church there.



Helen shared her money with the Church. Because of
this, we say she is a good “steward.” We can be like St.
Helen, and help care for our church. One way we can
do this is by bringing in money for the collection.

St. Helen was a good

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St. Helen

Exemplar of Stewardship

Part 2

November
 Be like the stars of
 our faith!
 Care for our Church.
 Lithe.

When St. Helen was old, she took a trip to the Holy Land. The Holy Land is where Jesus lived. She saw all of the holy places we read about in the Bible, like the place Jesus was born in Bethlehem.



St. Helen found the cross that Jesus died on. For this reason, she is shown holding a cross on her icons.

At the place where Jesus was born, and at the place where he was crucified, St. Helen used her money to build big new churches. She also gave money to help people. She is our example, or exemplar, of stewardship.

Circle some of the words from the story. Look across, backwards, up, and down.

**HELEN
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St. Artemius

Exemplar of Dedication to God

Part 1

February

Be like the stars of
our faith!
Care for our Church.
Tithe.



There are many holy people, called saints. Some saints are children. St. Artemius was a child saint. He lived in Russia a long time ago.

St. Artemius was poor, and lived on a farm. His parents taught him to be a good Christian. He obeyed his parents. He worked hard with his father. He did everything to please God. Because of this we say that he was, "dedicated," to God. Many children learned about God from knowing St. Artemius. Orthodox children try to like St. Artemius. It is good to pray, go to church, and to obey our parents. It is good to be dedicated to God.

St. Artemius was

_____ to _____.

St. Artemius

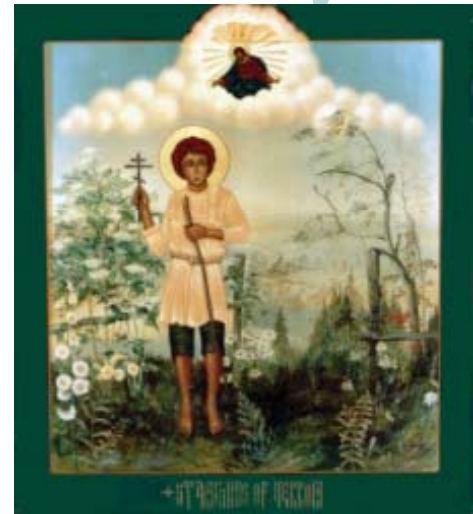
Exemplar of Dedication to God Part 2

March

Be like the stars of
our faith!
Care for our Church.
Tithe.

St. Artemius was a holy child. He lived in Russia a long time ago. His parents were poor, but they loved God. St. Artemius loved God and the Church. He loved to help people.

He died when he was caught in a storm at age 12. Many years later, a monk found the body of St. Artemius in the forest. It was not damaged from years in the forest. Many miracles happened at when people touched his relics. Even after his death, St. Artemius was able to help people!



This is the icon at the shrine to St. Artemius which is at Antiochian Village Camp. Children pray at the shrine so they can learn to be dedicated to God.

Circle some of the words from the story. Look across, backwards, up, and down.

CHILD

HELP

ARTEMIUS

GOD



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St. Constantine

Exemplar of Trust

Part 1

April

Be like the stars of
our faith!
Care for our Church.
Tithes.



Constantine was a famous general. His mother was St. Helen. One day in the year 312, Constantine's army faced a powerful enemy. As he marched at the head of his troops in the hot Italian sun, Constantine saw a vision in front of him. He saw a cross with the words upon it: "By This Cross You Will Have Victory."

That night, Christ came to Constantine in a dream. He told Constantine of the power of the cross. Then Constantine decided to put all his trust in God. In the morning he had each soldier paint a cross upon his shield. Even those soldiers who weren't Christians did this! With the cross on their shields, Constantine led his men into battle.

St. Constantine is the exemplar of

_____ in _____.



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