**Work sheet|** The Lower Secondary

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**Keeping faith from generation to generation (the Church)**

**Q1: What is the meaning of the word church?**

The Church means the community of believers who are bound by one faith in Jesus Christ.

**Q 2: When was the church founded?**

Fifty days after the resurrection of Lord Jesus Christ (when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples at Pentecost)

**Q 3: Write the characteristics of the church and what it means.**

1- One: the unity of faith, teaching, thinking and hope

2- Holy: because it is sanctuary by Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit works in it

3- Catholic: because it conveys the message of salvation to all people

4- Apostolic: because it is based on the teachings of the disciples

**Q4: The church is built in many shapes name them**

1- The shape of the ship because it leads the believers to salvation

2- The shape of the cross symbolizes the cross of Lord Jesus

3- An octagon and symbolizes the Day of Resurrection (the eighth day)

4- A circular with no beginning and no end for the Lord

5- Five-domed symbol of the Lord Jesus and the four Evangelists

6- The triple dome is a symbol of the Holy Trinity

7- One dome is a symbol of Lord Jesus Christ.

**Q5: Write down the sections of the church.**

1- The entrance (where the candles are lit in front of the icons)

2- The nave of the church (where the people stands)

3- The Temple (in which the sacrifice is performed)

**Q6: Why is the church building heading to the east (where the sun rises)?**

Because Lord Christ is the Sun of Righteousness, and His second coming will be from the East.

**Q7: What does the icon in the middle of the church symbolize?**

It symbolizes that Lord Jesus is the ruler of creation, embracing and blessing all the world.

**Q 8: How can we know the name of the church?**

Through the icon next to the icon of Virgin Mary (on the iconostasis "icon holder")

**Q 9: Where did the Christians perform prayers before the construction of churches and in the time of persecutions?**

In caves and homes of believers.