

Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate

Sprouts Lesson

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Teacher Guide: Pre-K to 1st Grade

Objectives

1. Students will be able to identify and name His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew after viewing his picture.
2. Students will be able to recognize the Byzantine yellow and black double eagle flag and Patriarchal Seal.

Resources & Materials

- Colored Pencils/Crayons
- Coloring Pages: The Byzantine Double Eagle Flag, Patriarchal Seal & HAH Bartholomew
- Ecumenical Patriarchate Educational Card of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Word Bank

Patriarch Turkey Patriarchal Seal

Lesson Plan

5 minutes **Students enter the classroom**

Welcome & Opening Prayers

2-3 minutes **Teacher will share the objectives for the lesson with the students:**

1. Students will be able to identify and name HAH Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew after viewing his picture.
2. Students will be able to recognize the Patriarchal Seal & the Byzantine yellow and black double eagle flag.

10 minutes **Objective 1: Students will be able to identify and name HAH Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew after viewing his picture.**

1. The teacher will show the photograph of HAH and explain that he is the spiritual leader of Orthodox faithful the world over.
2. Teacher will explain the definition of the word: *Ecumenical*. A word with several meanings, all from the Greek word 'oikumene.' In Byzantine times, it referred to anything that involved all of God's inhabited world, and anything that affected the entire Orthodox Church.

Simplified definition for students—Today, we use the word to describe interactions and conversations among different churches and religions.



3. The teacher will show a picture of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and explain that this is where the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew lives, works, and prays for us.
4. Teacher will give each child a laminated Ecumenical Patriarchate Educational card of HAH Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (from Archons)
5. Students will practice saying the name of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew several times.
6. Students will color the coloring page of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

10 minutes Objective 2: Students will be able to recognize the Double Eagle Flag.

1. The teacher will show the yellow & black double eagle flag.
2. The teacher will show the Patriarchal seal and explain the significance.
3. Students will color the coloring page of the Patriarchal seal and Double Eagle Flag, identifying the cross and the orb.
4. Teacher will give students a Double Eagle Flag.

5 minutes Wrap-Up and Review

Teacher will review objectives with students about what they learned today in class.

2 minutes Exit Ticket

In order to leave class, the students must share one thing they recall from the lesson today.

Teacher Challenge

With parent permission to record children, teacher records on phone the exit interview. Record the students telling the teacher one thing they learned about the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

Student Challenge

Encourage the students to share what they learned with their parents.

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Double Eagle Flag



Patriarchal Seal

