The Chess Game in the Old Church



Niko and his grandfather loved to play chess. Every Sunday, after visiting the big Orthodox church in their town, they sat on a bench outside and played. The church was tall and white, with golden domes that shone in the sun. Niko liked looking at the painted icons inside before their game.

Fill in the gaps with one, two, or three words:

1. Niko and his grandfather played chess after visiting the big _____ church.

2. The church was _____.

One day, as they played, a little boy watched them. He had never played chess before. Niko's grandfather smiled and showed him how the pieces moved. The boy was excited and tried to remember all the rules. The three of them laughed when he made his first move, and Niko said, "You will be a great player one day!"

Fill in the gaps with one, two, or three words:

3. A little _____ watched Niko and his grandfather play chess.
4. Niko's grandfather showed him how the _____ moved.
5. Niko told the boy that he would be a great _____ one day.

From that day, the boy came every Sunday to play with them. They sat near the beautiful church, moving the chess pieces across the board. The bells rang softly in the background, and Niko felt happy. Chess, just like the church, was a special part of their Sundays.

Fill in the gaps with one, two, or three words:

6. The boy came to play with them every _____.
7. The _____ rang softly while they moved the chess pieces on the board.

Ask Antim a question about chess and/or the Orthodox church. 😊

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