



Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

November 2005

Who or what has the biggest influence on your children and what they believe? Is it you, God, the church, their friends, the media, etc.? If you're like us, you hope it's some of the former. However as much as that is true when our children are young, as they grow, they are exposed to more and become more independent. Outside factors are bound to have an influence. Our job as parents is to prepare our children to make the right decisions when faced with these outside influences.

How can we do that? It may be easier than you think. All we need to do is to talk to them and ask questions. Watch their favorite TV shows and movies together, listen to their music, read their books and magazines. Then ask them to identify the messages that are portrayed. Are these good, Christian messages? Use Jesus as a guide. What would he think, what would he do? The column at the right summarizes truths about Jesus as described in the Gospels. These truths can help guide our conversations. Wherever possible, make connections to biblical examples. Our goal should not be to criticize popular culture but to teach our children a valuable skill—to evaluate media messages and to be in control of their reactions. We hope that our children will learn to live their lives as if Jesus were with them every moment—because HE is!

Yours in Christ,
Karin Peraíno & Mary Rohrer

Thank You

Thanks to all who participated in the Halloween Bake Sale. We sold lots of yummy treats and raised \$178 for UNICEF! Don't forget to bring back your filled Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF boxes.



We are also collecting items to send to soldiers: non-chocolate candy, new or used DVDs, and flea collars.

Truths about JESUS



1. Jesus spent more time praying than speaking
2. Jesus enjoyed spending time with self-confessed sinners
3. Jesus said we'd know we were starting to make an impact when people started insulting, persecuting, and defaming us
4. Jesus hated it when people hid themselves behind religious rule-keeping
5. Jesus spoke openly about hell
6. Jesus hated it when people prayed or served or sacrificed to boost their profiles or feed their egos
7. Jesus was quick to forgive those who were repentant
8. Jesus said the richest people were those who'd banked a lifetime of actions that honored God
9. Jesus told us to ignore people who talk big but don't act big
10. Jesus healed people of incurable diseases and permanent disabilities
11. Jesus loved celebrations
12. Jesus said farmers who expected corncocks to come to them were misinformed about the concept of "harvesting"
13. Jesus said our loyalty to his ways should outweigh our loyalty to our traditions
14. Jesus told us to not focus our energies on fighting sin
15. Jesus said that the root of our lack of faith is our penchant to forget the acts and character of God
16. Jesus did everything in obedience to his father

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Calendar of Lessons for November and December

Although we hope to see every student each week, we realize that schedules sometimes do not allow that. Below is a calendar of upcoming lessons so that you may review them at home with your child if he/she should have to miss.

Lesson & Date	Bible Story	<i>Scripture</i>	Key Verse	Bible Point Ages 3-5	Bible Point Grades 1-HS
FALL 2005 (Old Testament)					
<i>Note: UNICEF Boxes are due</i>					
10) 11/06	God Makes a Covenant With Abram	Genesis 15:1-18	Jeremiah 29:11	<i>God has good plans for us</i>	<i>God has good plans for us</i>
11) 11/13	Abraham's Visitors/Sodom & Gomorrah	Genesis 18:1-19:29	Luke 1:37	<i>God does amazing things</i>	<i>God makes miracles happen</i>
12) 11/20	Isaac is Born	Genesis 21:1-6	Philippians 4:4	<i>God gives joy</i>	<i>Respond to God's gifts with joy</i>
<i>Note: Thanksgiving is Thursday, 11/24/05</i>					
Winter 2005-2006 (New Testament)					
2) 11/27	John the Baptist Prepares the way for Jesus	Mark 1:1-8	Psalms 51:10	<i>We need to get ready for Jesus</i>	<i>Repentance makes our hearts ready for Jesus</i>
3) 12/04	God Dwells With Us	John 1:1-14	John 1:14	<i>Jesus is God</i>	<i>Jesus is God</i>
4) 12/11	Jesus is Born	Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20	Luke 2:10b-11	<i>Jesus was born</i>	<i>We celebrate Jesus</i>
<i>Note: Pancake Breakfast is 12/1/05 at 9:00am</i>					
5) 12/18	Wise Men Find Jesus	Matthew 2:1-12	Psalms 100:5	<i>We worship Jesus</i>	<i>Jesus deserves our worship</i>
<i>Note: 12/25/05 – 1/01/06 is Christmas Break, No Sunday School</i>					