



Lemont United Methodist Church  
Sunday School



# Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

December 2005

It's a busy time of year! With all the hustle and bustle of the holidays added onto our already hectic lives, it's sometimes hard to keep the "reason for the season" in mind. How appropriate that Pastor Juancho's recent sermons have focused on stress! One important point we've taken from those sermons is that our "busy-ness" is actually a blessing. We're reminded of the woman who was complaining to a friend about the many things she had to get done. Expecting sympathy, she was taken aback when her friend replied, "Isn't it wonderful to be so busy! You are truly blessed!" Yes, that is another way to look at it. Instead of being stressed, we can be thankful. Are the kids fighting? Thank God that you have them! Need to make a dish for a holiday party? Thank God that you have food! Have presents to wrap? Thank God that you can purchase presents. Overwhelmed at work? Thank God that you have a job. Rushing to church? Thank God that you can worship freely. As Charles Swindoll said in the quote below, "we are in charge of our attitudes." No matter what your circumstance, this can be your best Christmas ever, as long as you decide it will be. Have a Merry Christmas! And remember to celebrate Jesus, the "reason for the season."

Yours in Christ,  
Karin Peraíno & Mary Rohrer

## ATTITUDE

By Charles Swindoll

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company ... a church ... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude ... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me, and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you ... we are in charge of our Attitudes

## Mark Your Calendar

**Pancake Breakfast:** Our mid-year Pancake Breakfast will be held at 9:00am on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Bring the kids early so they can enjoy lots of yummy pancakes and sing Christmas Carols with their Sunday School friends.



**Christmas Break:** Sunday School will not be held on December 25<sup>th</sup> nor January 1<sup>st</sup>. Have a Merry Christmas and enjoy the holidays!



# FaithWeaver

## Introducing FaithWeaver Bible Curriculum – Weaving Faith Through Life!

### Calendar of Lessons for December and January

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.

<b>Lesson &amp; Date</b>	<b>Bible Story</b>	<i>Scripture</i>	<b>Key Verse</b>	<b>Bible Point Ages 3-5</b>	<b>Bible Point Grades 1-HS</b>
Winter 2005-2006 (New Testament)					
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	Psalm 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>					
6) 1/08	John Baptizes Jesus	Mark 1:4-11	John 3:16	<i>Jesus made God happy</i>	<i>God Sent Jesus</i>
7) 1/15	Jesus Surprises Nathanael	John 1:43-51	Psalm 139:1 (2-3)	<i>Jesus knows us</i>	<i>Jesus knows all about us</i>
8) 1/22	Disciples Follow Jesus	Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:17	<i>Follow Jesus</i>	<i>Follow Jesus</i>
9) 1/29	Jesus Demonstrates His Authority	Mark 1:29-39	Matthew 11:28	<i>Jesus can do anything</i>	<i>Jesus is all-powerful</i>