



Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

May 2007

This is our last month of Sunday School this school year. But it doesn't have to mean the end of learning. You can keep the lessons going this summer! In addition to following the summer lessons listed on the flip side, here are some ideas for bringing the scripture to life.

Take Field Trips. For example, read the creation story and then visit the planetarium to see the heavens, the aquarium to see the seas, and the zoo to see all of the different animals that God created. Talk about the differences in the animals; ask the kids why they think God created each one and how they see God in them. Or go on a fishing trip and talk about the many scriptures that refer to fish in the bible. (Jesus helping Simon catch fish, selecting the disciples and making them "fishers of men," and feeding the 5000 with just two fish and five loaves...just to name a few!)

Get into the bible. Buy a book of bible stories and read them with your child. Have them make the stories come alive by acting them out. Draw a picture or make a craft that would relate to the story.

Put Jesus' lessons in action. Help a neighbor pull weeds, walk a dog, or mow grass and don't accept any money. Visit a nursing home. Bring some coloring books/crayons and ask residents to color with you and your child, read them a story or play a game, or just visit...ask about their lives, words of wisdom, where they've seen God. Go shopping and let your kids select some extra food to give to the food pantry. Help them raise money with a lemonade stand or other task, and then donate the money to charity. (Tip: If you tell your customers that the money will be donated, you might raise extra money.)

There are lots of fun ways to find God's lessons in our every day lives if we just look. And by doing these things with your children, you are not only helping them get closer to God, you are getting closer to them too! Don't forget to take pictures of these outings, events, and activities. Then put together a scrapbook recording your good times and what they learned. Include scripture passages where appropriate. Each time they look at the scrapbook, God's message and your love will be reinforced. Have a great summer! We'll see you in September.

Yours in Christ,

Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer



Mark Your Calendar:

5/06/07 – VBS Signup begins

5/20/07 – Pancake Breakfast at 9:00am; last day of Sunday School
(Summer break, Sunday School will resume in September)

6/18/07-6/22/07 – Vacation Bible School: AVALANCHE RANCH

FaithWeaver

FaithWeaver Bible Curriculum – Weaving Faith Through Life!

Below is a calendar of the lessons we'll cover in May, plus the lessons we will miss this summer.

Lesson & Date	Bible Story	<i>Scripture</i>	Key Verse	Bible Point Ages 3-5	Bible Point Grades 1-HS
SPRING 2007 (New Testament)					
10) 5/06	An Angel Frees Peter From Jail	Acts 12:1-18	Psalm 91:11	<i>God's angels help us</i>	<i>Angels protect and help God's people</i>
11) 5/13	Lydia is Converted	Acts 16:9-15	2 Timothy 4:2a	<i>Everyone needs Jesus</i>	<i>Be prepared to tell others about Jesus</i>
13) 5/20	Paul Describes Living by God's Spirit	Romans 8:9-17	Galatians 5:22-23a	<i>We can live for God</i>	<i>When we live by God's Spirit, God changes us</i>
SUMMER 2007 (Old Testament)					
1) 6/03	God Helps Gideon Defeat the Midianites	Judges 6:1-16; 7:1-24	Isaiah 41:10	<i>God Gives Us Strength</i>	<i>We can trust God with the future</i>
2) 6/10	Samson Receives Strength from God	Judges 15:9-16; 16:4-30	1 Peter 4:10	<i>God Gives Us Strength</i>	<i>God give us gifts to serve him</i>
3) 6/17	Ruth is Faithful	Ruth 1:1-22	Proverbs 17:17a	<i>God Gives us Strength</i>	<i>God wants us to love our friends no matter what</i>
4) 6/24	Ruth Marries Boaz	Ruth 2-4	Jeremiah 29:11	<i>God Cares for Us</i>	<i>Hope in God's good plans</i>
5) 7/01	God Answers Hannah's Prayer	1 Samuel 1:1-28	Psalm 42:11	<i>God Cares for Us</i>	<i>Turn to God when you're sad</i>
6) 7/08	God Speaks to Samuel	1 Samuel 3:1-21	1 Samuel 3:10b	<i>God Cares for Us</i>	<i>God wants us to listen and follow when he directs us</i>
7) 7/15	Saul Becomes King	1 Samuel 8:1-22, 9:1-2, 10:17-24	2 Peter 3:9b	<i>God Cares for Us</i>	<i>God lets us choose to obey or disobey</i>
8) 7/22	Saul Makes a Big Mistake	1 Samuel 13:1-14	Philippians 4:6-7	<i>God Guides Us</i>	<i>Give your worries to God</i>
9) 7/29	God Chooses David to Replace Saul	1 Samuel 16:1-13	1 Samuel 16:7b	<i>God Guides Us</i>	<i>Our hearts are what matter to God</i>
10) 8/05	David Defeats Goliath	1 Samuel 17:1-50	Philippians 4:13	<i>God Guides Us</i>	<i>God can help us all do great things</i>
11) 8/12	Jonathan Warns David	1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-7; 20:1-42	Proverbs 18:24b	<i>God Helps Us Love Each Other</i>	<i>God helps us be loyal friends even when it's hard</i>
12) 8/19	Abigail Makes Peace	1 Samuel 25:1-35	Romans 12:17-18	<i>God Helps Us Love Each Other</i>	<i>God wants us to solve conflict peacefully</i>
13) 8/26	David Spares Saul's Life	1 Samuel 26:5-25	Matthew 5:44	<i>God Helps Us Love Each Other</i>	<i>God wants us to love our enemies</i>