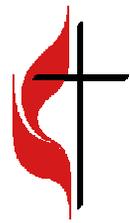


**Lemont United Methodist Church  
Sunday School**



# Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

December 2007

Merry Christmas! As Christian parents, it is so important for us to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. We all know that it is not really about Santa, presents, parties, or even gatherings with family and friends. These things are fun and add to the joy of the holiday, but we all know that Christmas is really a celebration of the birth of Jesus. But what does that really mean for us? I read a story the other day that I'd like to share with you. You've probably seen a bird fly into a clean window, perhaps even killing himself in the process. Well, one day a man was watching this happen over and over again. He went out and yelled at the birds, which scared them off momentarily, but soon another bird came and flew into the window again. As he watched the bird fall to the ground, the man thought sadly, "If only I could become a bird, I could warn them about the window." Then he realized that is exactly what God did for us. He became one of us, in Jesus, to tell us all God wants us to know. We continue to learn from Jesus' life, teachings, and death. With this in mind, we need to take a step back from all of the holiday hustle and bustle. Is your celebration truly a celebration of Jesus? If not, how can you make it more so? Giving to a charity, helping a neighbor, reaching out to someone who is lonely, practicing kindness, forgiving, and praying are just some ways that we can be more like Jesus. Ask your children how they think Jesus would like us to celebrate his birthday. They might have some great ideas to keep the true spirit of Christmas alive in our celebrations, now and throughout the year!

Merry Christmas!

## Prayer Connect



*This month's theme is Jesus' Birth; Isaiah 9:6*

Dear Lord,  
Thank you for giving my children your son Jesus, a Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.

Yours in Christ,  
Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer  
Mark Your Calendars

Thank You!  
We raised \$230 for UNICEF



- ✓ **12/09: Gingerbread House Making at 1:30-3:30pm**
- ✓ **12/16: Pancake Breakfast at 9:30am**
- ✓ **12/23-12/30: Christmas Break; no Sunday School**
- ✓ **1/06/08: Sunday School resumes; Welcome Back!**

# FaithWeaver

## FaithWeaver Bible Curriculum – Weaving Faith Through Life!

Using FaithWeaver, teachers will teach as Jesus taught, with a variety of learning experiences and interactive discussions. All grade levels will cover the same lesson, which can make follow-up discussions easy and interesting. Take home pages will be provided to keep you informed and allow you to continue the learning at home. Lessons move chronologically through the bible—Old Testament in the Fall, New Testament in the Winter/Spring.

- † **Memorable Bible Lessons:** The experiential lessons connect from church to home, moving Bible lessons beyond church walls and into people’s lives!
- † **Relevant for Today—and Every Day:** Each learner, no matter the age, sees how God’s Word is relevant to their lives, then applies it every day.
- † **Reinforced Bible Learning All Week Long:** The HomeConnect™ section on each student page, everyone studying the same Bible story, and Driving Home the Point take-home pages help make this happen!
- † **Know How to Live Like Christ:** Participants take what they’ve learned in class and use it to shape decisions about how they live their daily lives.

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><i>Bible Point</i> Ages 3-5</b>	<b><i>Bible Point</i> Grades 1-9</b>
<b>Winter 2007 (mostly New Testament)</b>					
1) 12/02	Get Ready for Jesus	Isaiah 2:1-5	John 3:17	<i>Jesus is Born</i>	<i>We can look forward to Jesus' coming</i>
3) 12/09	An Angel Appears to Joseph	Isaiah 7:13-14	Jeremiah 29:11	<i>Jesus is Born</i>	<i>Trust God's plans</i>
4) 12/16	Jesus is Born	Luke 2:1-20; Hebrews 1:1-4	John 14:6	<i>Jesus is Born</i>	<i>Jesus was born for us</i>
6) 1/06	Joseph Takes His Family to Egypt	Matthew 2:13-23	Nahum 1:7	<i>Jesus is Special</i>	<i>God guides us</i>
7) 1/13	Jesus is Baptized	Matthew 3:13-17	John 1:1	<i>Jesus is Special</i>	<i>Jesus is God's Son</i>
8) 1/20	Peter and Andrew Meet Jesus	John 1:35-42	John 1:12	<i>Jesus is Special</i>	<i>Get to know Jesus</i>
9) 1/27	News about Jesus Spreads	Matthew 4:2-25	Matthew 11:28	<i>Jesus Teaches the Truth</i>	<i>Jesus wants everyone to come to him</i>