

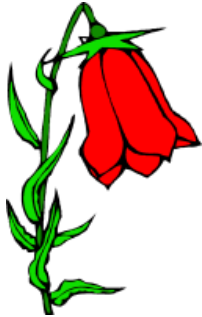
Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

April 2008



Happy Spring! Isn't this a wonderful time of year? Birds returning full of song, flower buds breaking through the ground and beginning to bloom, sun shining and warming up the land. As the earth awakens, we often feel energized, renewed, and full of joy. We recognize what a wonderful creation that God has made! As we enjoy the emerging springtime with our children, why not take this opportunity to remind them that God has given us an important job. Genesis 1:26-28 tells us that God created us to be "rulers over the whole earth." Man is not only

expected to enjoy the earth and all of its goodness, we are also expected to care for it! Even young children can help in this cause. Here are some ideas:

- ♥ **Drive Less:** Walk or ride a bike, carpool, combine errands into a single trip
- ♥ **Save water:** Take shorter showers, turn off the water when brushing teeth, let nature water your grass
- ♥ **Save energy:** Turn off lights and appliances when you leave the room, open shades and use natural lighting, buy energy efficient light bulbs, reduce heat & air conditioning use
- ♥ **Reuse & Recycle:** Wash dishes instead of using paper plates, refill a water jug instead of using disposable water bottles, recycle (paper, plastic, glass, aluminum), compost
- ♥ **Plant trees**
- ♥ **Pick up trash**
- ♥ **Adopt a pet from an animal shelter**

Discuss these ideas with your children; I'm sure you can come up with many more together! Then select one thing and make a commitment to do it for at least a month. We'll enjoy God's creation even more when we know we are doing our part to care for it.

Yours in Christ,

Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer

Prayer Connect



*This month's theme is **Showing Love to Others**; 1 John 3:18*

Dear Lord,
Help my children to love not just with words but also with actions and in truth, as you taught us.

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- † **Memorable Bible Lessons:** The experiential lessons connect from church to home, moving Bible lessons beyond church walls and into people’s lives!
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- † **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.

Lesson & Date	Bible Story	<i>Scripture</i>	Key Verse	Bible Point Ages 3-5	Bible Point Grades 1-9
Spring 2008 (mostly New Testament)					
6) 4/06	Jesus Returns to Heaven	Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-11	Matthew 28:19-20	<i>The Church is Born</i>	<i>God wants us to tell the world about Jesus</i>
7) 4/13	Christians Care for One Another	Psalm 23; Acts 2:42-47	Hebrews 10:24-25	<i>The Church is Born</i>	<i>God wants us to treat each other with loving care</i>
8) 4/20	Stephen Forgives His Accusers as they Stone Him	Acts 6:8-7:60	1 Peter 3:15	<i>The Church is Born</i>	<i>We share our faith in Jesus with words & actions</i>
10) 4/27	Paul Explains Christians’ Relationship w/ Christ	Ephesians 1:15-2:10	Ephesians 2:8-9	<i>Paul Spreads the Good News</i>	<i>God’s power saves us by His grace</i>
11) 5/04	Paul Teaches About Spiritual Gifts	1 Corin. 12:4-27	Ephesians 2:10	<i>Paul Spreads the Good News</i>	<i>God gives people different gifts for serving him</i>
12) 5/11	Paul Comforts Others in a Storm	Acts 27:1-44	Titus 2:7a	<i>Paul Spreads the Good News</i>	<i>Our faith in God can encourage others</i>
13) 5/18	Paul Describes Genuine Love	1 Corin. 13:1-13	1 Corinthians 13:4-5	<i>Paul Spreads the Good News</i>	<i>God teaches us how to love</i>