



Lemont United Methodist Church Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

November 2008

The Thanksgiving holiday is approaching this month. For parents, this holiday can often be hectic--filled with cleaning, cooking, eating, visiting, and football too. We've always enjoyed thanksgiving as a time of fellowship in spite of all the craziness. However, one particular Thanksgiving celebration stands out in my mind; that's the year we all took the time to write a note to each person at our Thanksgiving meal, explaining why we were thankful for them! It was very personal and meaningful. We challenge you to make this Thanksgiving meaningful for your family. That's one idea, here are some more:

- ♥ Sing praise songs
- ♥ Discuss what it means to be thankful and how you can show your thankfulness every day
- ♥ Create a poster showing all the things and people for which you're thankful
- ♥ Send notes to the people in your life for whom you are thankful; let them know what they mean to you
- ♥ Cut out a handprint turkey and write your thanks on each of the "feathers"
- ♥ Say a 5-finger prayer of thanks. Be specific as you thank God for those closest to you (thumb), teachers (forefinger), leaders (middle finger), those who are weak (ring finger), and yourself (pinkie)

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Yours in Christ,

Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer



**Thank YOU! We raised \$166
from our Halloween Bake Sale**

Prayer Connect



*This month's theme is **Trust in God's Plans**; Jeremiah 29:11*

Dear Lord,
May my children trust in the plans you have for them, plans to prosper them and not harm them, plans to give them hope and a future.



Prayer Partners Needed: We are still looking for adults to be Prayer Partners to our Sunday School children. Each Partner will be assigned a couple of children to include in their daily prayers. That's all you need to do! If you are interested in becoming a Prayer Partner, please provide us with the following: Your Name, address, phone, and e-mail. (You can send an e-mail to karinperaino@sbcglobal.net or your child can just put it in the collection basket and we'll be in touch.)

Mark Your Calendar

- ✓ **11/02/08** – Return "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF boxes
- ✓ **11/27/08** – Thanksgiving: Praise God
- ✓ **12/21/08** – Sunday School Pancake Breakfast at 9:30am (before class); all students welcome
- ✓ **12/28/08 & 1/07/09** – Christmas Break: No Sunday School



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.

Lesson & Date	Bible Story	<i>Scripture</i>	Key Verse	<i>Bible Point</i> Ages 3-5	<i>Bible Point</i> Grades 1-9
FALL 2008 (Old Testament)					
9) 11/02	Lot & Abram Divide the Land	Genesis 13:1-18	Luke 6:31	<i>God wants us to get along</i>	<i>God wants us to put others first</i>
10) 11/09	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) 11/16	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) 11/23	Isaac is Born	Genesis 21:1-6	Philippians 4:4	<i>God gives joy</i>	<i>Respond to God’s gifts with joy</i>
Winter 2008-2009 (New Testament)					
1) 11/30*	Isaiah Pleads for God’s Mercy	Isaiah 64:1-9	Isaiah 53:6a	<i>We need Jesus</i>	<i>We need forgiveness through Jesus</i>
2) 12/07	John the Baptist Prepares the way for Jesus	Mark 1:1-8	Psalm 51:10	<i>We need to get ready for Jesus</i>	<i>Repentance makes our hearts ready for Jesus</i>
3) 12/14	God Dwells With Us	John 1:1-14	John 1:14	<i>Jesus is God</i>	<i>Jesus is God</i>
4) 12/21	Jesus is Born	Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-20	Luke 2:10b-11	<i>Jesus was born</i>	<i>We celebrate Jesus</i>