



Lemont United Methodist Church  
Sunday School



# Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

December 2008

'Tis the season for Christmas celebrations! This month is a time of joy and preparation. Yes, Santa is coming, ...but the true celebration is because Jesus is coming! That is truly what the Advent season is all about. Perhaps you'd like to create your own Advent celebration at home. Often an Advent wreath is used because the wreath has no beginning and no end, just like God. But even if you don't have a wreath, you can still celebrate Advent with just 4-5 candles. Traditionally three of the candles are purple for the coming of the King and one candle is rose to add an element of joy (lit the third Sunday), but all purple, blue, or white candles can be used. If you want to use 5 candles, the 5<sup>th</sup> is white for Christ (lit on Christmas). Start by lighting just one of the violet candles on the first Sunday of Advent. The next Sunday, light two candles, etc. Here are some things to reflect on as you light a new candle each week...

1. Be Hopeful! Jesus is Coming! Read Romans 5:5.
2. Be Ready. Are your homes and hearts ready for Christ? Read Isaiah 40:3
3. Be Joyful. Be full of joy, overflowing with the glory of the Lord. Read Luke 2:10
4. Be Love. God IS love ... He urges YOU to be love too! Read Galatians 4:4

Have an Enjoyable Advent Season and a Merry Christmas!

Yours in Christ,

Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer

## Prayer Connect



*This month's theme is **Heart of Worship**; John 4:23*

Dear Lord,  
I pray my children learn to worship you in spirit and truth, that they are the kind of worshipers you seek.

### Mark Your Calendar - FUN FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

- ✓ **12/07/08** - "Christmon" Tree decorating during the 10:45am service
- ✓ **12/07/08** - Gingerbread House making 1:30-3:30pm
- ✓ **12/14/08** - Cookie Sale after 10:45 service and Happy Hands Program (4pm)
- ✓ **12/21/08** - Sunday School Pancake Breakfast at 9:30am (before class); all students welcome
- ✓ **12/21/08** - Christmas play during 10:45am church service
- ✓ **12/28/08 & 1/04/09** - 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.

<b>Lesson &amp; Date</b>	<b>Bible Story</b>	<i>Scripture</i>	<b>Key Verse</b>	<b><i>Bible Point</i></b> <b>Ages 3-5</b>	<b><i>Bible Point</i></b> <b>Grades 1-9</b>
<b>Winter 2008-2009 (New Testament)</b>					
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>
6) 1/11	John Baptizes Jesus	Mark 1:4-11	John 3:16	<i>Jesus made God happy</i>	<i>God Sent Jesus</i>
7) 1/18	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) 1/25	Disciples Follow Jesus	Mark 1:14-20	Mark 1:17	<i>Follow Jesus</i>	<i>Follow Jesus</i>