



Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

February 2009



Happy Valentine's Day! We have an inexpensive suggestion for a great Valentine's Day gift that you can give your family (and yourself):

Lighten up! That's it; that's the gift. It always helps to have a sense of humor when parenting.

One of my favorite stories is of the mother who found her toddler covered in vaseline. He was completely naked; hair gelled askew, and giggling as he crawled all over her new couch. At that moment, she didn't know whether to laugh, cry, or scream. What would you have done? Fortunately, she chose to laugh and grab the camera; the story went down in family lore. Once the damage is done, there's not much you can do about it. You know you'll laugh about it later, why not now? Just imagine your kid's reaction if you laugh instead of lecture. I'm not suggesting that you overlook teaching moments, just don't stress out. Lessons are always most effective when delivered with a smile and a hug.

Proverbs 17:22 tells us that, "A cheerful heart is good medicine." Studies have even shown that humor and laughter promote physical healing. So the next time that you are feeling stressed, rent an old comedy classic and kick back with your family for a good belly laugh.

Happy Parenting!

Yours in Christ,

Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer

Couples Gathering

Sunday 2/08/09
5:00-8:00pm



Please join us for a pre-Valentine's Day gathering. You will enjoy fellowship time and a pot-luck dinner, followed by a showing of the movie: **Fireproof.**

Dr. Gary Smalley calls this movie, "Amazing! Action-packed, Heartwarming, and a Great Resource to help Strengthen and Affirm Marriages!" It promises to be a good time and a great mood-setter for your Valentine's Week!

Daycare will be provided by Wendy Frantal

Prayer Connect



*This month's theme is **Loving Others; Galatians 5:14.***

Dear Lord,
Please help my children follow your command to love their neighbors as themselves.

Thank You! Our "Souper Bowl" collection raised \$128.82 for the Open Pantry!

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	Bible Point Ages 3-5	Bible Point Grades 1-9
Winter 2009 (New Testament)					
9) 2/01	Jesus Demonstrates His Authority	Mark 1:29-39	Matthew 11:28	<i>Jesus can do anything</i>	<i>Jesus is all-powerful</i>
10) 2/08	Jesus Heals, Prays, Preaches	Mark 1:29-39	Matthew 11:28	<i>Jesus cares for us</i>	<i>Jesus cares for us</i>
11) 2/15	Jesus Calms a Storm	Mark 4:35-41	1 Peter 5:7	<i>Jesus helps us when we’re afraid</i>	<i>We should turn to Jesus when we’re afraid</i>
12) 2/22	Four Friends Help a Paralyzed Man	Mark 2:1-12	1 John 1:19	<i>Jesus forgives us</i>	<i>Jesus forgives us</i>
13) 3/01	Jesus Blesses the Children	Mark 10:13-16	Mark 10:14b	<i>You are important to Jesus</i>	<i>You are important to Jesus</i>
Spring 2009 (New Testament)					
2) 3/08	Jesus Teaches About Commitment	Mark 8:31-38	Romans 1:16	<i>I’m proud to follow Jesus</i>	<i>Following Jesus takes commitment</i>
3) 3/15	Jesus Clears Merchants from the Temple	John 2:13-22	Psalms 95:6	<i>Worship is important to God</i>	<i>God wants sincere worship</i>
4) 3/22	Jesus Explains Why God Sent Him	John 3:12-21	John 3:16	<i>Jesus came to save us</i>	<i>God sent Jesus to save us</i>
6) 3/29	People Rejoice as Jesus Enters Jerusalem	Mark 11:1-11	Philippians 2:10-11	<i>Jesus is king</i>	<i>We can honor Jesus with actions and words</i>