



Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

October 2010

Welcome to a new year of Sunday School. As another hectic school year gets underway, I wanted to share the following e-mail that I received...to remind us all of the important jobs that we are doing. So here is an edited version of The Invisible Mother:

"It all began to make sense, the blank stares, the lack of response, the way one of the kids will walk into the room while I'm on the phone and ask to be taken to the store. Inside I'm thinking, 'Can't you see I'm on the phone?' Obviously not; no one can see if I'm on the phone, or cooking, or sweeping the floor, or even standing on my head in the corner, because no one can see me at all. I'm invisible.

"Some days I am only a pair of hands, nothing more! Can you fix this? Can you tie this? Can you open this? I was certain that these were the hands that once held books and the eyes that studied history and the mind that graduated summa cum laude - but now, they had disappeared into the peanut butter, never to be seen again. She's going, she's going, she's gone!

"One night, a group of us were having dinner, celebrating the return of a friend from England. Janice had just gotten back from a fabulous trip, and she was going on and on about the hotel she stayed in. I was feeling pretty pathetic and sorry for myself, when Janice turned to me with a beautifully wrapped package, and said, 'I brought you this.' It was a book on the great cathedrals of Europe. I wasn't exactly sure why she'd given it to me until I read her inscription: 'To Charlotte, with admiration for the greatness of what you are building when no one sees.'

"In the days ahead I would read - no, devour - the book. No one can say who built the great cathedrals - we have no record of their names. These builders gave their whole lives for a work they would never see finished. They made great sacrifices and expected no credit. The passion of their building was fueled by their faith that the eyes of God saw everything.

"A legendary story in the book told of a rich man who came to visit the cathedral while it was being built, and he saw a workman carving a tiny bird on the inside of a beam. He was puzzled and asked the man, 'Why are you spending so much time carving that bird into a beam that will be covered by the roof; No one will ever see it.'

"And the workman replied, 'Because God sees.'

"I closed the book, feeling the missing piece fall into place. It was almost as if I heard God whispering to me, 'I see the sacrifices you make every day, even when no one around you does. You are building a great cathedral, but you can't see right now what it will become.'

"As parents, we are building great cathedrals. We cannot be seen if we're doing it right. And one day, it is very possible that the world will marvel, not only at what we have built, but at the beauty that has been added to the world by the sacrifices of invisible parents."

Yours in Christ,

Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer



Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Halloween Bake Sale: 10/31, at both 8:30 & 10:45 services
- ✓ Trick or Treat for UNICEF: 10/24 thru 11/07



Meet The Teachers

- † **Preschool/Kindergarten (3-5yr olds):** Jodi Stood, Kristen Nelson, Julie Phillips
- † **1st & 2nd grade:** Christy Brosseau, Kathy Cliff, Denise Miglio
- † **3rd, 4th, 5th grade:** Amy Cheehy, Janis McGuffin, Christine Miller
- † **Jr. High (6th-8th):** Erik Anderson, Karin Peraino, Dave Kennedy
- † **HS Breakfast Club:** Glee Ann Kehr & Steve Walter, Lisa Erdmier & Tim Peraino

FaithWeaver Bible Curriculum – Weaving Faith Through Life!

Following is a calendar of upcoming lessons so that you may follow along with your child and review them at home should he/she have to miss a week of Sunday School. (Note: *The Jr. High and Breakfast Clubs hold discussions based on Talksheets.*)

Lesson & Date	Bible Story	<i>Scripture</i>	Key Verse	Bible Point Ages 3-5	Bible Point Grades 1-5
Fall 2010 (Old Testament)					
5) 10/03	Solomon Asks for Wisdom	1 Kings 2:1-4; 3:3-28	James 1:5	<i>God Rewards His Followers</i>	<i>God gives us wisdom</i>
6) 10/10	Solomon Writes Many Proverbs	1 Kings 4:29-34; Proverbs 1:17	Proverbs 9-10	<i>God Rewards His Followers</i>	<i>Wisdom means following God's word</i>
7) 10/17	Solomon Turns Away from God	1 Kings 11:1-13	Proverbs 3:5-6	<i>God Rewards His Followers</i>	<i>Be devoted to God</i>
8) 10/24	The Kingdom Divides	1 Kings 11:28-12:24	2 Chronicles 7:14	<i>God Wants Us to Choose Him</i>	<i>Choose to follow God</i>
9) 10/31	Elijah Helps a Widow	1Kings 17:7-24	Matthew 6:31-33	<i>God Wants Us to Choose Him</i>	<i>Trust God completely</i>
10) 11/07	Elijah Challenges the Prophets of Baal	1 Kings 18:16-40	Exodus 20:2-3	<i>God Wants Us to Choose Him</i>	<i>Choose to serve God</i>
11) 11/14	God Speaks to Elijah in a Whisper	1 Kings 19:9-18	Isaiah 41:10	<i>God is Always with Us</i>	<i>When we feel alone, God is with us</i>
12) 11/21	God Takes Elijah to Heaven	2 Kings 2:1-15	1 Corinthians 10:31	<i>God is Always with Us</i>	<i>God wants us to be faithful</i>
13) 11/28	Jehoshaphat Trusts God for Victory	2 Chron. 20:1-30	1 Peter 5:7	<i>God is Always with Us</i>	<i>God wants to help us with our problems</i>