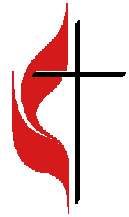




Lemont United Methodist Church  
Sunday School



# Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

January 2012



Happy New Year! It's a new year, a fresh start, and a time for those infamous New Year's Resolutions. It's a chance to review our lives and set goals for the coming year. Have you made yours yet? Go ahead and tackle those common resolutions: eating

healthier, losing weight, saving money, quitting smoking or drinking, and spending more time with family and friends. These are all worthwhile goals. But how about doing something more this year? How about also rededicating yourself and your children to Christ! When your children were baptized, you dedicated them to Christ and promised to raise them as Christians. Take a moment to reflect on these goals. How are you doing? The start of a new year is a great time to become closer to Christ and to help your children do the same.

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- ♥ Write a personal prayer for each of your children and add it to your nightly ritual
- ♥ Choose a life verse. Frame it and display where you can see it often for guidance and reassurance. (It's easy to find a scripture on any topic through an internet search.) Here are some possibilities...
  - † **Psalm 23:4** = *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*
  - † **Jeremiah 29:11** = *"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*
  - † **Psalm 32:8** = *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you."*
  - † **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** = *Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*
  - † **John 14:12** = *I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing.*

♥ Make a commitment to regularly attend Sunday School and church

♥ Take time daily for meditation and prayer

♥ Set a daily goal to reflect Christ in your life

No matter what your goals for the New Year, we wish you well. Happy Parenting!

Yours in Christ,  
Karin Peraíno & Mary Rohrer

**Prayer Connect**

*This month's theme is **Life in Jesus** (1 John 5:11-12)*



Dear Lord,  
I pray that my children have the Son so that they may have eternal life.

Amen



**Mark Your Calendars**

2/05 – "Souper Bowl" collection during 10:45 service

# Rock Solid

Classes K-6 are using the Rock Solid curriculum. Check it out on [www.iamrocksolid.com](http://www.iamrocksolid.com).

## Winter 2011-12

Date	Bible Story	Bible Point	Scripture	Key Verses
1/08	Jesus grows & is baptized	<b>Jesus learns what God wants; God changes our hearts &amp; lives</b>	Luke 2:41-52; Matthew 3:1-17	<i>"Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding"; "Change your hearts &amp; lives. Here comes the kingdom of heaven"</i>
1/15	Jesus is God's son; Jesus is tempted	<b>We can choose to serve God</b>	Matthew 3:1-17; Matthew 4:1-11	<i>"You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him"</i>
1/22	Jesus calls the Fishermen	<b>Jesus calls us to follow him &amp; be his disciples</b>	Mark 1:16-20	<i>"Come, follow me"</i>
1/29	Jesus calls Matthew	<b>When we follow Jesus, we must change</b>	Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32	<i>"I didn't come to call righteous people, but sinners to change their hearts &amp; lives"</i>
2/05	Martha & Mary	<b>Spending time with God is most important</b>	Luke 10:38-42	<i>"Make your ways known to me Lord; teach me your paths"</i>
2/12	Jesus & children; the Rich Man	<b>Children are important to God; Loving God makes you rich</b>	Mark 10:13-31	<i>"The kingdom of God belongs to children"; "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"</i>
2/19	Disciples on the road	<b>Christians share the good news of Jesus</b>	Mark 6:6b-13	<i>"They went through the villages proclaiming the good news"</i>
2/26	Zacchaeus	<b>I welcome Jesus into my heart</b>	Luke 19:1-10	<i>"So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus"</i>

(Note: The Jr. High and HS Breakfast Club hold discussions based on Talksheets; the Jr. High lessons will soon correspond to the confirmation curriculum.)



## Thought for the Month

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone; the new has come."  
~2 Corinthians 5:17