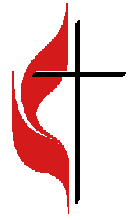




Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

February 2012

I am always looking for ways to improve my parenting skills. Some tips work, some don't...but by continuing to learn, reevaluate my behavior, and try different approaches, I am able to correct my course. I figure that I will finally get this parenting thing down by the time my kids are grown with children of their own! I found the following list of "Top Ten Parenting Principles" in *A Survival Guide from a Family of Nine*, a book by Brent & Phelecia Hatch. Although you've probably heard many of these before, combined they make excellent advice!

1. Pay off correct behavior, not misbehavior. Reinforce polite requests and calm discussions.
2. Think before you talk. Say what you mean & mean what you say.
3. Expect good behavior from your children.
4. Coach your children on how to be successful; use plenty of encouragement. They will believe what you say and gain confidence.
5. Anticipate problems. Specify your rules in advance.
6. Use punishments that teach decision-making and accountability.
7. Prepare your children to live in the real-world. Begin teaching responsibility and decision-making when children are young.
8. Love your children regardless of their behavior.
9. Control your own behavior and be a good role model.
10. Provide a healthy and pleasant family climate.

And of course, maintain a sense of humor. It will get you through the many ups and downs of child-rearing. Happy Parenting!

Yours in Christ,
Karin Peraíno & Mary Rohrer

Prayer Connect

This month's theme
is **Honoring Jesus**
(Revelation 5:12)



Dear Lord,
May my children sing
praises to you, for you
are worthy to receive
power and wealth and
wisdom and strength and
honor and glory and
praise.

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.

Winter 2011-12

Date	Bible Story	Bible Point	Scripture	Key Verses
2/05	Martha & Mary	Spending time with God is most important	Luke 10:38-42	"Make your ways known to me Lord; teach me your paths"
2/12	Jesus & children; the Rich Man	Children are important to God; Loving God makes you rich	Mark 10:13-31	"The kingdom of God belongs to children"; "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"
2/19	Disciples on the road	Christians share the good news of Jesus	Mark 6:6b-13	"They went through the villages proclaiming the good news"
2/26	Zacchaeus	I welcome Jesus into my heart	Luke 19:1-10	"So Zacchaeus came down at once, happy to welcome Jesus"

(Note: Beginning mid-February, the Jr. High lessons will correspond to the confirmation curriculum. HS Breakfast Club hold discussions based on Talksheets.)

Thought for the Month

"Train a child in the way he should go,
and when he is old he will not turn from it."

~Proverbs 22:6



Movie Recommendation



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Looking for an inspirational movie about parenting? Check out **COURAGEOUS**, which is now available in second run theatres and on DVD. In this movie, four law enforcement officers tackle not only their jobs on the streets, but their even more important job at home: Fatherhood. They learn that while giving their all to protect others may make them heroes to some, raising their children in a God-honoring way is truly courageous! This movie will not only entertain; it will make you think. It can be an inspiration to all parents.