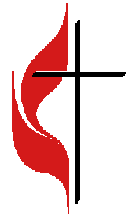




Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

May 2012

One of the best things we can do for our children is to have a close relationship with God ourselves. God is the source of all that is good and He is looking out for us. A close relationship with God provides a sense of security, guidance, confidence, healing, comfort, hope, and oneness. As a result, you can be a better parent, and you can better lead your children to God.

Of course, every good relationship requires work. And our relationships with God are no exception. Fortunately it's not that hard to get closer to God. Here are some ideas: pray regularly; confess your sins, ask for forgiveness, and make them right; imagine that God is always with you; talk to your pastor or another Christian mentor about any questions that you have; read the Bible; regularly attend, pay attention, and participate in church.

God is always there for us, but we do need to reach out & make an effort to connect with Him. Look for places in your everyday life where you can deepen your relationship. For example, I will use the relaxation time during Body Flow & Yoga to bask in God's presence. Here are additional tips from some of our Sunday School teachers on how they connect with God:

- "I Look for God in everything I see. A beautiful day reminds me of God's creation!" ~GleeAnn Kehr
- "I Pray... anywhere, anytime. If I can't find something, I'll ask for God's help and voila, there it is." ~Julie Phillips
- "I make sure that I pray and connect with God at the end of each day." ~Amy Cheehy
- "I come to church each Sunday. I feel especially close to Him here." ~Jodi Stood
- "I feel closest to God when I pray with my children. I gain insight into Him every time I teach Sunday School." ~Eric Anderson

Why not spend some time this summer working on your relationship with God? Then you will be in an even better place to guide your children. Happy Parenting!

Yours in Christ,
Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer

Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ 5/06 = VBS registration begins
- ✓ 5/20 = Last day of Sunday School; Pancake Breakfast at 9:30am
- ✓ 5/27 = Summer schedule begins. Church at 9:30am

Prayer Connect

This month's theme is
Courage
(1 Corinthians 16:13)



Dear Lord,
I pray that my children will
always be on guard,
standing firm in the faith,
courageous and strong.
Amen

VBS



Vacation Bible School this year is June 11-15. At Sky VBS, kids will discover that by trusting God, everything is possible...the sky's the limit! Sign-up is underway. Contact Julie Phillips to register your children or volunteer to help: 630-257-1782.

Rock Solid

Classes K-6 are using the Rock Solid curriculum. Check it out on www.iamrocksolid.com.

Spring 2012

Date	Bible Story	Bible Point	Scripture	Key Verses
5/06	Peter and John heal	Disciples of Jesus share God's love with others.	Acts 3:1-10	<i>I don't have any money, but I will give you what I do have</i>
5/13	Peter's gift	Disciples of Jesus come together to worship, pray, & serve	Acts 5:12-15	<i>Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them</i>
5/20	Dorcas & Peter	There are many ways that Christians serve others.	Acts 9:36-43	<i>Serve each other according to the gift each person has received</i>

(Note: For Spring, the Jr. High lessons correspond to the confirmation curriculum, Claim the Name. HS Breakfast Club hold discussions based on Talksheets.)



Thought for the Month

"Come near to God
and He will come near to you."
~James 4:8a



Have a Wonderful Summer! See you back at Sunday School in September!