



Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

March 2013

Happy Easter! Because children are familiar with good news and celebrations, they can easily appreciate the Easter joy that Christ is Risen. God's sacrifice of his son, however, is probably much more difficult for them to understand. Why did Jesus have to die in such a brutal way when he did nothing wrong? If your child did something wrong which would sentence him to death, you would very likely plead, "take me instead," because you love him that much. That how I view what Jesus did for us.

Fortunately, it wasn't a one-time thing. Because we are human, we continue to sin. The Easter story reminds us that God will continue to forgive us over and over again. This is a lesson that our children can understand because they see it in their daily lives as we forgive them each time they do something wrong.

It is so important for our children to receive forgiveness in order to be assured of our love and to grow confidently. It is equally important that we teach them how to forgive others. Holding on to hurts is like untreated decay that silently damages our teeth over time. Resentment can build up to the point where it destroys love. It harms the relationship and it harms the person holding it. That is why it is just as beneficial for us to forgive others as it is to be forgiven.

Ephesians 4:32 encourages us to "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." So as we thank God for his sacrifice this Easter, let's also try to emulate His actions and teach our children to forgive others when necessary.

Happy Parenting!

Yours in Christ,
Karín Peraíno & Mary Rohrer

Prayer Connect

This month's theme is **Forgiveness**
(Proverbs 17:9)



Dear Lord,
Help my children forgive offenses and not harp on them, so that they will give and receive love.

Amen

Mark your Calendar

- ✓ Last Supper Drama 3/24, 7:30pm
- ✓ Spring Break 3/24 & 3/31 – No Sunday School
- ✓ Easter 3/31 –Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00am
(Theme: Fruit of the Spirit)

March Open Pantry Need:

Canned or Dried Beans



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Teacher	Date	Session	Bible Story	Scripture
Spring 2013				
Unit 1: New Life				
Bible Point: God promises me new life through Jesus				
Key Verse: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life" ~John 3:16				
	3/03	2	The Passover Meal	Luke 22:14-23
	3/10	3	Praying in the Garden	Matthew 26:36-46
	3/17	5	The Resurrection	Matthew 28:1-10
Unit 2: A New Paul				
Bible Point: When I believe that Jesus is God's son, my life changes				
Key Verse: "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved" ~Acts 16:31				
	4/07	6	Paul's Conversion	Acts 9:1-19
	4/14	7	Down the Wall	Acts 9:20-25
	4/21	8	Lydia	Acts 16:11-15

Winter 2013 for Jr. High

Teacher	Date	Session	Topic	Bible Story	Scripture
Erik	03/03	1	Praising Jesus	Palm Sunday	Matthew 21:1-11
Dave	03/10	3	Suffering	Jesus' Betral, Arrest, and Trial	John 17:1-19:16
Karin	03/17	5	Resurrection	Jesus' Resurrection	John 20:1-18

(Note: The HS Breakfast Club will hold discussions based on Talksheets & other materials.)



Thought for the Month

"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

~Acts 2:38

Kidz Korner



Happy Birthday to our Sunday School friends:
Christopher Smith 26



BibleWise

Forgiveness

Angry men put Jesus on the cross. Even though he did no wrong, they had him killed. Jesus was not angry with these cruel people, though. He loved and forgave them. We need to pray to God for help so that we can forgive others when they do wrong to us. Fill in the blanks using the first letter of each picture to see what Jesus prayed.

