



Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

April 2013

At a motivational seminar that I recently attended, the speaker encouraged us to read 10 pages of a self-improvement book each day. He explained that it didn't matter which book we read; just do it! The idea is to immerse oneself in positive thinking and continually reinforce self-improvement behaviors. I could see where that could make a difference in my outlook and personal motivation.

Then I got to thinking that this same tactic can be used with my spiritual life. If I want to be the best Christian that I can be, why not expose myself to positive spiritual reinforcement on a daily basis? To help do this, the most obvious book to read is the Bible. And the good news is that we are no longer limited to the old St. James version. There are so many different versions of the Bible out there—bibles for students, sports enthusiasts, teens, women, etc.--that you can easily find one that works for you. My mother is currently reading "The Message," a bible translated by Eugene H. Peterson into contemporary language. She says it reads like a novel.

There are also many other inspirational writings and daily devotionals available. I personally like "Guideposts" magazine and "The Upper Room" devotionals. Check them out at <http://www.guideposts.org/> and <http://devotional.upperroom.org/>. And of course, don't forget "Pockets" magazine for your children. Imagine the positive impact if we each take 15 minutes each day to reinforce our spirituality and connection with Christ.

Happy Parenting!

Yours in Christ,
Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer

Prayer Connect

This month's theme is **Faith in God's Son** (Ephesians 3:12)



Dear Lord,
May my children have faith in your Son, O God, so that they may approach you with freedom and confidence.

Amen

April Open Pantry Need:

Cold Cereal



GROW



Teacher	Date	Session	Bible Story	Scripture
Spring 2013				
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
Unit 3: New Believers				
Bible Point: As a Christian, I am called to care for others				
Key Verse: "The community of believers was one in heart and mind" ~Acts 4:32				
	4/28	10	The Community of Believers	Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35
	5/05	11	Peter and Cornelius	Acts 10:1-28
	5/12	12	Pentecost	Acts 2:1-41
	5/19	13	First Called Christians	Acts 11:19-26

Spring 2013 for Jr. High

Teacher	Date	Session	Topic	Bible Story	Scripture
Erik	04/07	6	Overcoming Doubt	Doubting Thomas	John 20:24-31
Karin	04/14	7	Holy Spirit	Pentecost	Acts 1:1-2:41
Dave	04/21	8	Everyone Contributing	Seven Deacons	Acts 6:1-7
Erik	04/28	9	Welcoming Everyone	Philip & the Ethiopian	Acts 8:26-40

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



Thought for the Month

"Every word of God is tried & purified.

He is a shield to those who trust and take refuge in Him."

~Proverbs 30:5

Kidz Korner



Happy Birthday to our Sunday School friends:
Lalah Greenberg, Ellie Woytek, Erin Cliff



Did you know that Earth Day is April 22nd?

It may seem like the environment just recently became a cause for concern, but people have been taking steps to make others aware of environmental issues for many decades. The contemporary green movement officially began in April, 1970 when a group of citizens banded together to make their environmental concerns known and designate April 22nd as Earth Day.

In the beginning God created the heaven and Earth. Genesis 1:1

Earth Day

Every Day

W A T E R O J V Q S S
H J S A D J E E R F V
A W O R L D C L E A N
B L I T T E R C U H K
I S L H S C U Y S O Y
T E R O N U O C E M C
A N I M A L S E L E L
T E V R E S E R P K E
J R I A C A R E O H U
L G C Y O X Y G E N F
N Y P S T N A L P M N

Air Animals Care Clean Earth Energy Fuel
Habitat Home Litter Oceans Oxygen
People Plants Preserve Recycle Resource
Reuse Soil Water World