

Dear Parents, March 2014

I've always been a bit of a perfectionist. While on the surface that sounds like a good thing, it can also be considered one of my biggest faults. My need for perfection can cause me to delay starting something for fear of not being good enough; it can cause me to take

longer than necessary to complete a task because I'm constantly making improvements; and it can cause me to be critical of others' efforts if they don't match up to my vision. I apologize to anyone who has had to deal with the negative consequences of this trait.

I do hope that I've gotten better at it over the years as I have realized that perfection is usually not necessary. In fact, it's not really possible. The reality is that the only truly perfect person was Jesus. While many may have come close, even our biblical heros had faults. Moses, who led the Israelites out of Egypt, killed someone he saw beating a man. David, considered one of Israel's greatest kings, committed adultry. Peter, whom Jesus called "The Rock," denied

Prayer Connect

This month's theme is **Trust in God** (Matthew 6:33)

Dear Lord,
I pray that my children
never worry but that
they seek first your
kingdom and
righteousness.

Amen

Jesus three times. In spite of their serious mistakes, God forgave each of them and went on to work through them to accomplish great things. God has promised to forgive us too.

Once we realize that God loves us in spite of our faults, it can be very freeing. We are free to try to live as God wants us to, without worrying that we might not be good enough. If we put our lives in God's hands, he will work through us. That thought is very reassuring as a parent! It is also a good message to pass on to our children. Just like our imperfect biblical heros, our children can accomplish great things! They don't have to be perfect, they just have to let God lead the way and do their best. Happy Parenting!

Yours in Christ, Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer

THANK YOU!

\$116.70 was collected for the Open Pantry on Souper Bowl Sunday! Great job, kids!

Mark Your Calendar

- \checkmark 03/30 = No Sunday School (Spring Break)
- ✓ **04/20** = No Sunday School (Easter); Easter Egg Hunt will be held in Sanctuary at 10am

March Open Pantry Need:

Canned or Dried Beans





Spring 2014				
Teacher	Date	Session	Bible Story	Scripture
Unit 1: The Way to Jerusalem				
Bible Point: I praise God for Jesus				
Key Verse: "As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen" ~Luke 19:37				
	3/02	1	Jesus and the Children	Luke 18:15-17
	3/09	2	A Man Born Blind	Luke 18:35-43
	3/16	3	Zacchaeus	Luke 19:1-10
	3/23	4	The Lord's Supper	Luke 22:7-23, 33-34
Unit 2: In Jerusalem				
Bible Point: I know that Jesus lives				
Key Verse: "The Lord really has risen!" ~ Luke 24:34				
	4/06	2	Palm Sunday	Luke 19:29-40
	4/13	3	Easter	Luke 24:1-12

(Note: Jr. High continues to watch and discuss "The Bible" miniseries as well as complete Confirmation lessons from the "Credo" series.

The HS Breakfast Club holds discussions based on various religious materials.)

Breakfast Club dates: 3/09/14, 3/23/14, (3wk break), 4/13/14, 4/27/14, 5/11/15



"Store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven." ~Matthew 6:20

"You don't need a rainbow to find your pot of gold." ~Anonymous

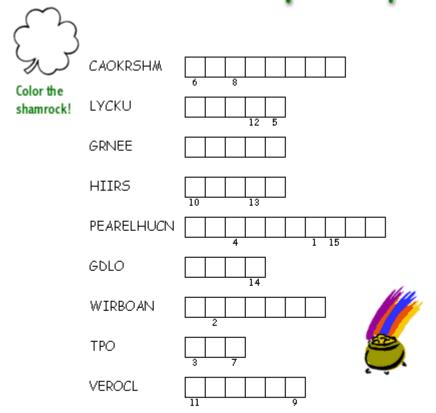
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Happy March Birthday to our Sunday School friends!
Brian Brown 3/19 Christopher Smith 3/26



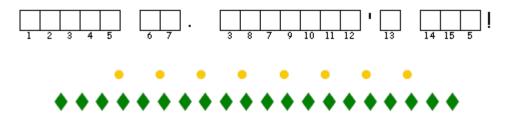
St. Patrick's Day Mix Up



Did You Know?

St. Patrick was named the patron saint of Ireland because he converted a lot of people to Christianity. It is believed that he died on March 17th (in 461AD) so in his honor, the Irish began throwing a feast on that day. This has evolved into St. Patrick's Day—a worldwide celebration of Irish culture.

God wants us to follow St. Patrick's example and tell other people about Christ.



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"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" ~Matthew 28:19