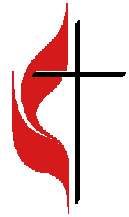




Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday School



Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

April 2014

For me, the most disturbing part of the whole Easter story is the pain and crucifixion that Christ endured. I know I am not alone in this thought. It has brought me to tears many times over the years and I'll admit that I had to close my eyes when watching the brutal scenes in reenactments like Mel Gibson's, "The Passion." Even knowing that it was necessary and that Jesus has risen, does not make the torture of an innocent man any more palatable.

So how on earth can we teach this to children? Recently I heard an example that I think makes it easier to understand. Pull out your cleaning products and have your children help brighten your house! (You like it already, don't you?!)

As you clean, point out that the dirtier something is, the more they have to scrub to get it clean. The swipe of a soft cloth just won't wipe away dried on stains. You have to get out a scrubber sponge and cleanser, or maybe even steel wool, to clean the dirtiest messes.

Well, our souls can get pretty darn dirty. Sometimes people sin badly and take themselves far from God's love. God had to do something pretty severe to clean us. We don't have to go through that torture ourselves because Jesus' came and took the beating for us. He sacrificed himself so that we could be cleansed of our sin and have a fresh start with God...over and over again.

I still wince at the thought of what Jesus endured. But as an adult, I realize that's the whole point. I need to remember what He went through so that I don't take His sacrifice lightly and can try to live up to His desires for me...over and over again. Happy Parenting!

Yours in Christ,

Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer

Mark Your Calendar

- ✓ **04/06** = Sunday School resumes
- ✓ **04/20** = No Sunday School (Easter); Easter Egg Hunt will be held in Sanctuary at 10am
- ✓ **04/27 & 05/04** = VBS Signup for church members

Prayer Connect

This month's theme is *Salvation*

(Isaiah 45:8 & 2 Timothy 2:10)



Dear Lord,
Let my children obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

Amen

April Open Pantry Need:

Cold Cereal



GROW



Spring 2014				
Teacher	Date	Session	Bible Story	Scripture
Unit 2: In Jerusalem				
Bible Point: I know that Jesus lives				
Key Verse: "The Lord really has risen!" ~ Luke 24:34				
	4/06	2	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Luke 19:29-40
	4/13	3	<i>Easter</i>	Luke 24:1-12
Unit 3: Peter				
Bible Point: I know that Jesus is the Son of God				
Key Verse: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" ~Matthew 16:16				
	4/27	1	<i>Peter's Declaration</i>	Matthew 16:13-20
	5/04	2	<i>Peter and John</i>	Acts 3:1-10
	5/11	3	<i>Peter and Tabitha</i>	Acts: 9:36-43
	5/18	4	<i>Peter in Prison</i>	Acts 12:1-17

(Note: Jr. High continues to watch and discuss "The Bible" miniseries. This month we are focusing on the arrest, crucifixion, and resurrection of Christ. After Easter, we will complete one final Confirmation lesson from the "Credo" series.

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

Breakfast Club dates: 4/13/14, 4/27/14, 5/11/15



Thoughts for the Month

"Turn to face God so he can wipe away your sins and pour out showers of blessing to refresh you."

~Acts 3:19

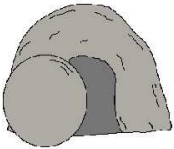
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Happy March Birthday to our Sunday School friends!
Erin Cliff 4/03, Lalah Greenberg 4/11, Antonio Lange 4/13
Ellie Woytek 4/20, Emily Stood 4/28, Christian Positano 4/29

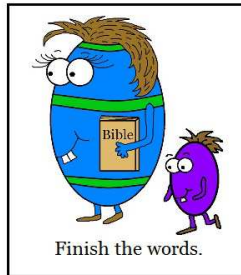
*In church we proclaim the mystery of our faith,
"Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come
again." Here's an Easter mystery for you...*

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Answer In Matthew 27:60 KJV



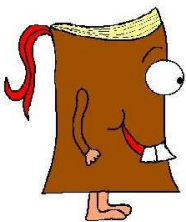
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Answer In Matthew 27:53 KJV



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Answer in Mark 15:25 KJV



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Answer In Luke 11:28

Did You Know?

Easter is the oldest Christian holiday and the most important one of our faith. It was intended to be a joyous, yet solemn remembrance of Jesus' resurrection. You will be in good company as you celebrate since there are over 2.2 billion Christians in the world. That's nearly a third of the world's population!

Christ's sacrifice was for us!

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." ~John 11:25-26