



## Lemont United Methodist Church Sunday School



# Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

May 2014

I have a confession... I enjoy reading the comics section of the newspaper. Every now and then, I will find one that is not just entertaining, but thought-provoking too... like the Garfield strip on the next page. When I read this, I thought of our children. Often they start out believing that they are mighty oaks. They have great imaginations and the confidence that they can do anything that they want someday. Just ask a kid what he wants to be when he grows up. You'll hear answers like Ballerina, Major League Baseball Player, and even President. But if you ask a teenager the same question, you'll no longer hear those answers. Somewhere along the way, they were told they aren't really a mighty oak; they're just a small twig. As parents and Sunday School teachers, it is our job to assure them that they are mighty twigs! Of course, experiences have a greater impact than words. One great way to build their confidence is to allow them to experience just how they can make a difference while they are young. They don't have to wait until they are grown, they can contribute right now. This summer is a perfect time for them to have some of those empowering experiences. Here are a few ideas:


- Have a Lemonade stand to raise money for a charity
- Bake something to donate and go serve at the Daybreak shelter
- Volunteer at an animal shelter or play with the puppies at a pet store
- Draw a picture and send a note to a serviceman, policeman, or fire-fighter
- Play a game with an elderly relative, neighbor, or friend; visit a nursing home
- Feed the ducks at a local pond
- Plant a garden; make a bird house
- Grab a bag, don some gloves & pick up litter

There are lots of ways that your children can make a difference right now. If you add some service to the time you spend with your children, it will make this summer not only fun, but fulfilling too. Remember, mighty twigs become mighty oaks! Happy Parenting!

Yours in Christ,  
Karin Peraino & Mary Rohrer

**Prayer Connect**

*This month's theme is **Growth in Grace** (2 Peter 3:18)*




Dear Lord,  
I pray that my children may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen

May Open Pantry Need:

**Gelatin or Pudding**



- Mark Your Calendar**
- ✓ **05/18** = Last day of Sunday School; Pancake Breakfast at 9:30am
  - ✓ **05/25** = Q-quest graduation at 10:45am
  - ✓ **06/09-06/13** = VBS

# GROW



Spring 2014				
Teacher	Date	Session	Bible Story	Scripture
<b>Unit 3: Peter</b>				
<b>Bible Point: I know that Jesus is the Son of God</b>				
Key Verse: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" ~Matthew 16:16				
	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

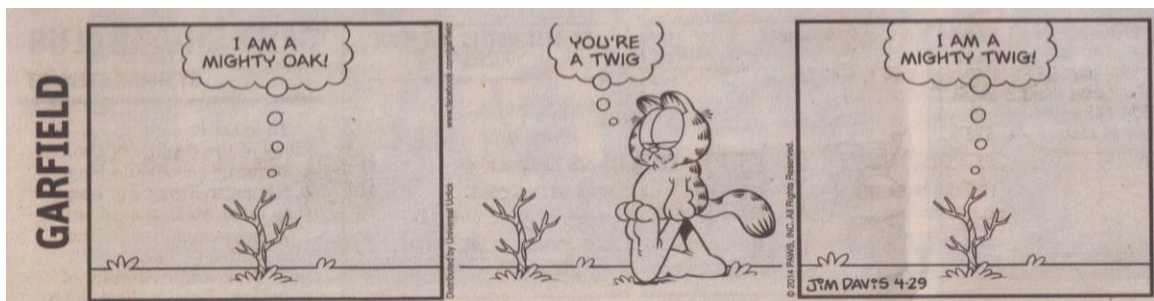
(Note: Jr. High continues to watch and discuss "The Bible" miniseries. This month we are focusing on the time after Christ's resurrection. We will also complete one final Confirmation lesson from the "Credo" series. The HS Breakfast Club holds discussions based on various religious materials.)

*Last Breakfast Club date this year: 5/11/15*



## Thought for the Month

Jesus said to him,  
"... All things are possible to him that believes."  
~Mark 9:23



# Have a great summer!

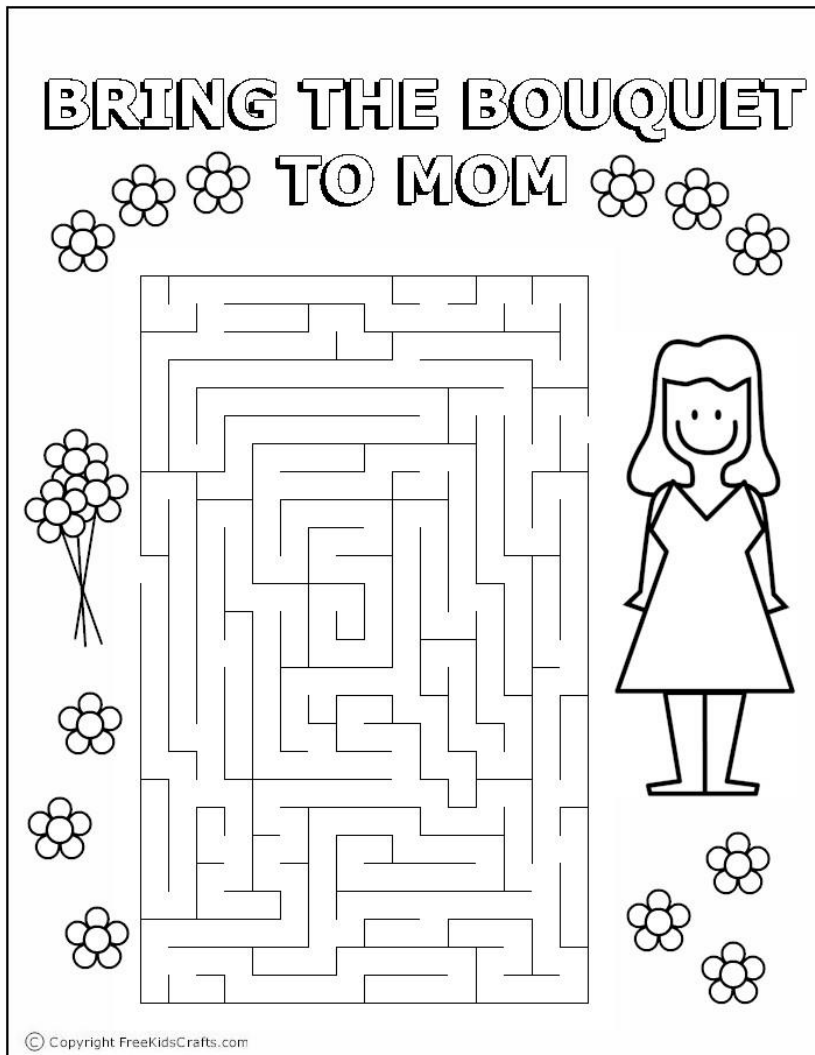
# Kidz Korner



Happy May Birthday to our Sunday School friends!  
Evangeline Topete 5/04, Brian Halicky 5/21,  
Brant Rohrer 5/22, Kayla Walter 5/22



*Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. ~Genesis 3:20*



## Did You Know?

50 countries around the world have a special day set aside to honor mothers. In the USA, Anna Jarvis started Mother's Day celebrations in the early 1900s. She had envisioned a day of reflection and quiet prayer by families, thanking God for all that their mothers had done.

## **How God Created Mother**

God took the fragrance of a flower,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The gentleness of morning dew,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The beauty of a twilight hour,  
The soul of a starry night  
The laughter of the rippling brook,  
The grace of a bird in flight,  
Then God fashioned from these things  
A creation like no other,  
And when His masterpiece was through,  
He called it simply...**MOTHER**

*"Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the LORD your God is giving you." ~Exodus 20:12*