



Lemont United Methodist Church  
Sunday School



# Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

October 2014

I am starting this month's note with an apology. It was brought to my attention that we haven't been taking a Sunday School collection these past few weeks. Since we do not have a separate Sunday School Opening this year, I forgot. I'm sorry. Pastor Kelly's sermon last Sunday reminded me that we need to give in order to help share God's love with others. So beginning next Sunday, the teachers will take a weekly offering.

The money we collect is used to pay for Sunday School teaching materials, supplies, bibles, books/cds/dvds, snacks, special celebrations like Rally Day, and is sometimes donated to the church and other charities. Typically, each child brings \$1 to put in the collection plate, but any amount is welcomed. In fact, if your child gets a weekly allowance, having them give 10% of that will help them learn the importance of tithing. As believers, we are encouraged to give back to God at least 10% of what we earn out of gratefulness.

- Tithing teaches our children to give
- It reminds them to put God first
- It reminds them that all they have come from God and teaches them to be less selfish
- It teaches them to rely on God because He has promised to take care of us
- And it allows us to do God's work

Here's a fun way that you can explain tithing to your children. Collect 10 apples (9 red and 1 yellow make it easy to visualize). Explain that God gave us all of the apples. We can use the 9 red ones any way that we want...put them in lunches, make an apple pie, or share them with friends. God just asks that we give the 10<sup>th</sup> apple back to the church to help do His work. Imagine that we are going to make applesauce to bring to the homeless shelter. If everyone in the church brings in one apple, we'll make plenty of applesauce to share. But what if you decide you'd rather eat your apple yourself? And what if a lot of people decide not to give their apples to the church? Suddenly there won't be enough apples to make the applesauce and the people at the homeless shelter will go hungry!

Of course, 10% is just a guideline. In 2 Corinthians 9:7, the bible tells us, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Besides money, children can give in other ways too...they can sing in the children's choir, be an acolyte, and help on work days. Learning to give at an early age can begin a lifetime of generosity. Happy Parenting and thank you for all your contributions!

Yours in Christ,  
Karín Peraino

## Prayer Connect

This month's  
theme is **Generosity**  
(1 Timothy 6:18)



Dear Lord,  
Help my children to be  
generous and willing to  
share.

Amen

# GROW



You can learn more about our curriculum at [www.growproclaimserve.com](http://www.growproclaimserve.com).

One Room Sunday School Schedule 2013-2014 (GROW Curriculum)					
Teacher	Helper	Date	Session	Bible Story	Scripture
<b>Fall 2014</b>					
<b>Unit 1: In the Beginning</b>					
<b>Bible Point: I am part of God's creation.</b>					
Key Verse: "Lord, you have done so many things! You made them all so wisely! The earth is full of your creations." ~ Psalm 104:24					
		10/05	3	<b>Noah</b>	Genesis 6-8
		10/12	4	<b>A Time for Everything</b>	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
<b>Unit 2: Beginning of God's People</b>					
<b>Bible Point: I am part of God's people</b>					
Key Verse: "Know that the Lord is God—he made us; we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture." ~ Psalm 100:3					
		10/19	5	<b>Abraham and Sarah</b>	Genesis 12:1-9
		10/26	6	<b>Isaac is Born</b>	Genesis 18:1-15; 15:1-6
<b>Unit 3: Hope for God's People</b>					
<b>Bible Point: I am part of God's plan for the future</b>					
Key Verse: "I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord." ~ Jeremiah 29:11					
		11/02	9	<b>Joseph &amp; his Brothers</b>	Genesis 37
		11/09	10	<b>Joseph in Egypt</b>	Genesis 39-40
		11/16	11	<b>Joseph Saves the Day</b>	Genesis 41
		11/23	12	<b>Reunited</b>	Genesis 42-46

(Note: Jr. High is watching & discussing the movie, "Heaven is for Real"  
HS Breakfast Club holds discussions based on various religious materials.)

**Breakfast Club Dates:** 10/12, 10/26, 11/16, 12/07, 1/11, 1/25, 2/08, 2/22, 3/08, 3/22, 4/19, 5/03, 5/17



## Thought for the Month

"The earth is the Lord's  
and everything it contains is his."  
~1 Corinthians 10:26

# Kidz Korner



Happy October Birthdays  
to our Sunday School friends!

Sara & Samantha Vasquez 10/01; Taylor Smith 10/06;  
Josh Miller 10/09; Lilah O'Neil 10/12; Layla Topete 10/24

"My sheep hear my voice and I know  
them and they follow me."  
~ John 10:27



## Names for Jesus

Start at the letter listed at the beginning of each line. Then move in the direction shown by each arrow to end up at the correct letter. Write that letter in the blank.

For example, F → → ↓ = Q

### Puzzle #1

1. S ← ← ↑ = \_\_\_\_\_

2. G ↓ ↓ ← = \_\_\_\_\_

3. L → ↑ ↑ ↑ = \_\_\_\_\_

4. O ↑ ↑ → = \_\_\_\_\_

5. F → → ↑ = \_\_\_\_\_

6. J → → → = \_\_\_\_\_

7. V ↓ ↓ ← = \_\_\_\_\_

8. Z ↑ → ↑ → = \_\_\_\_\_

9. P ← ← ↑ = \_\_\_\_\_

10. Q ↓ ← ← = \_\_\_\_\_

11. M ↓ ↓ → = \_\_\_\_\_

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

Jesus said, "I am \_\_\_\_\_  
1 2 3

\_\_\_\_\_  
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 ..."

Do you know where this verse is located?

\_\_\_\_\_

Puzzle #1 - True Vine, John 15:1

Answers:

Puzzle from [word-game-world.com](http://word-game-world.com)