

## Lemont United Methodist Church Sunday School



# Notes to Parents

Dear Parents,

December 2014

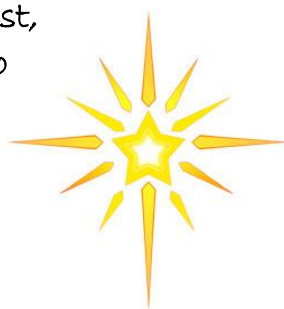
It's holiday decorating time in the Peraíno household, as I'm sure it is in yours! Over the years, we've adopted set roles in setting up our artificial tree. I have become the official tree "fluffer." After Tim puts together the tree, I bend and separate the branches, trying to make it look full and real.

This has become my job because I've discovered the fluffing secret—on each section, the top branches are meant to be pulled up, the bottom down, etc. I know it sounds obvious, but I'm ashamed to admit that it took me several years of random bending to figure out that each section has actually been designed in a pattern. If I follow the plan, the job is much easier and the result is much more appealing.

As I was "fluffing" the tree this year, it struck me that perhaps this is a metaphor for my life. I have notice that there are times in my life that things just seem to fall into place and other times when it's not that easy. Jesus has said, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11) If I want things to go smoothly in my life and to have positive results, perhaps all I have to do is figure out God's plan and follow it! The next time I face struggles, I'm going to sit back and reassess if I'm heading in the right direction. Is this what God wants for me? The only way I can know for sure is if I ask Him ... so in my busy life, I need to make sure that I take time to stop and talk to God. Just like the star of Bethlehem led the wisemen to Jesus, I've been promised that He will lead me in the right direction.

Happy Parenting! Have a wonderful Christmas season!

Yours in Christ,  
Karín Peraíno



### **Prayer Connect**

*This month's  
theme is Joy  
(1 Thessalonians  
1:6)*



Dear Lord,  
May my children be  
filled with the joy given  
by the Holy Spirit.

Amen

### Mark Your Calendar

- ✓ 12/07 = No Sunday School (combined church service);  
Chrismon tree decorating at the 9:30am service
- ✓ 12/14 = Pancake Breakfast at 9:30am followed by SS
- ✓ 12/21, 12/24, 1/04 = Christmas Break, No SS

*Come Join Us!*

# 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>Winter 2014-15</b>					
<b>Unit 1: Hope is Born</b>					
<b>Bible Point: Jesus was born to bring us Hope</b>					
Key Verse: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (God with us) ~Matthew 1:23					
		12/14	3	<i>The Birth of Jesus</i>	
<b>Unit 2: Touched by Jesus</b>					
<b>Bible Point: Jesus Loves Me!</b>					
Key Verse: "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." ~ 1 John 4:9					
		1/11	5	<i>Jarius' Daughter</i>	
		1/25	6	<i>The Woman at the Well</i>	

(Note: Jr. High will be playing a game on 12/14 and will start the "Last Lecture" after break.  
HS Breakfast Club holds discussions based on various religious materials.)

**Breakfast Club Dates:** 12/14, 1/11, 1/25, 2/08, 2/22, 3/08, 3/22, 4/19, 5/03, 5/17



## Thoughts for the Month

"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus,  
for He will save His people from their sins."

~Matthew 1:21

"Are you prepared?"

Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth again. The question is, have we done more to prepare for the celebration of a past event than we have for a future one? We may all be ready for Christmas, but are we ready for the return of Christ?"

~Greg Laurie

# Kidz Korner

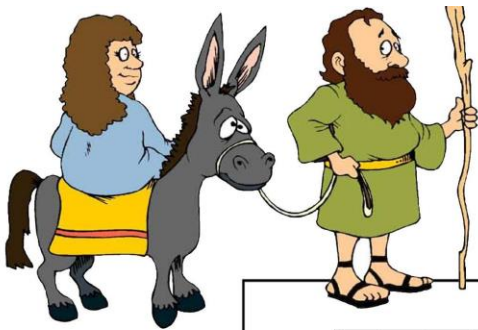


Happy December Birthdays  
to our Sunday School friends!

Molly Stood 12/01; Mason Rohrer 12/08  
Megan Cheehy 12/12; Gabriella Vasquez 12/26

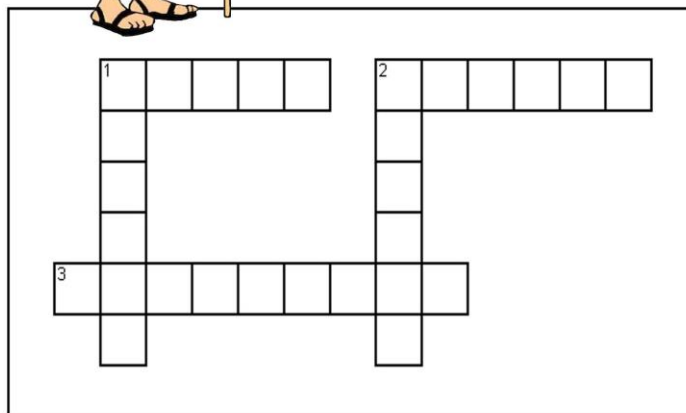


*The angel said to them, "Fear not, for I bring you good news. For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a savior, who is Christ our Lord."  
~ Luke 2:10-11*



## THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM

Bible Story  
Printables.com



### Across

1. Joseph belonged to the line of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The reason Mary & Joseph went to Bethlehem
3. Where Mary & Joseph went to be counted.

### Down

1. Mary rode on a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He called for a census

### Did You Know?

There's meaning behind our Christmas symbols:

- **Tree** = ever green, it reminds us that God is everlasting
- **Star** = reminds us of the Bethlehem star that led the wisemen to Jesus
- **Wreath** = a circle without end, just like God's love has no end
- **Presents** = these are given in honor of God's gift to the world
- **Baby in the Manger** = a reminder of Jesus, born to Save us All!
- **Candles** = shining bright, they remind us that Jesus is the light of the world
- **Candy Cane** = red stripes for Jesus' blood, white for his purity, & shaped like a shepherd's crook since he watches over us!



IMAGES (C) JUPITER CO.

www.christianpreschoolprintables.com