



# Sunday School Newsletter

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## SUNDAY FORMAT:

- 9:50**  
Opening Activity
- Scripture Memory  
& Singing
- Group Bible Lesson
- 10:20:**  
Response Classes  
(by age/grade)
- 10:45:**  
Process into Service

## TEACHERS

- PreK-Kindergarten:**  
Pam Sutherland
- Primary (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade)**  
Joanna Meekins
- Intermediate  
(4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)**  
Kristen Ruiz
- Coordinator/  
Group Teacher:**  
Kristen Ruiz
- Parent Liaison/  
Recruiter:**  
Josh Bewlay

## Memory Verse in Sign Language!

Ask your child to teach you the signs for this verse...

And without faith it is impossible to please God. *Hebrews 11:6*

## Lesson:

### God calls Joshua and Tells Him to Have Courage

**Simon says touch your head.**

**Simon says hop on 1 foot.**

**Simon says have courage!**

**Joanna Meekins** taught our group lesson this week. She seamlessly wove the game of Simon Says into the lesson about answering God's call. God called Joshua to be Moses' successor and told him 3 times (with increasing intensity) to have courage because He was with him. Later Joanna met with the older children to discuss how He calls us and we have a choice to make just like Joshua.

**Pam Sutherland** taught the younger children to create heart necklaces with the verse, "God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9). One of the children explained later to her father that the heart necklace reminds her that "God is always with me...FEAR NOT!" (VBS attendees may enjoy that).



## Announcements

### Children SING in the 10 AM Service

The children will present the song, "Light One Candle," during the service on **DEC 20<sup>th</sup>**. Practices for this presentation will take place DEC 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 (sharp) and DEC 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. If you'd like a practice recording of the song so your child can practice at home, too, please email [kristen.ruiz1@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.ruiz1@gmail.com).

### BAKE SALE! And bring children's summer clothing!

Following the 10 AM service on **DEC 20<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a BAKE SALE and CLOTHING DRIVE sponsored by the Sunday School Department. Please bring baked goods to sell and children's summer clothing to donate. All donations directly support the orphaned children of CARRYOU, an organization that provides relief for children in South Africa suffering the impact of the AIDS epidemic. Please contact Nan Bewlay with questions.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Schedule

All children are invited to participate in the Christmas pageant on DEC 24<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up by emailing [kristen.ruiz1@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.ruiz1@gmail.com) or filling out the form hanging on the door in Bentley Hall.

Dec 13<sup>th</sup>: Full Rehearsal After 10 AM Service // Costume Assignments

Dec 20<sup>th</sup>: Rehearsal for Readers After 10 AM Service

Dec 24<sup>th</sup>: Children arrive at 3:15 // Service starts at 4:00.

\*\*\*WE NEED CHAPERONES,

**COSTUME ORGANIZERS & PEOPLE TO HOST  
A LIGHT RECEPTION AFTER THE SERVICE**

## Coming this Sunday...

### St. Mary's Annual LESSONS & CAROLS

with participation by the children of the  
Sunday School

Questions? Want to get involved?  
Contact Kristen Ruiz:  
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