



Sunday School Newsletter

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3rd—5th Grades (Pirjo Carlisle, Teacher)

Dear Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders' Parents,

I asked your children at the end of last year what they would like to study this spring. They chose unanimously the Creation Story. We are now continuing in the book of Genesis. My class was the first one to memorize the names of the books of the Old Testament. All my four students passed "the test" in front of the Sunday School Education hour audience in the Sanctuary. Other than this, I have not given much homework, but rather asked them to think on what we have studied and come back the following week with questions.

My goal is to introduce the students to the texts of the Bible, to discuss, wonder at, and question the Scriptures. I am

praying and asking the Holy Spirit to make the Bible reading and Bible study a life long habit for my students. And again - I have had an awesome opportunity to see your children grow in the maturity of the Spirit. I have witnessed time and time again the Lord's presence in the classroom both by the words that come out of the students' mouths and by those priceless moments, when I see the lamp of the divine revelation lit in their faces. Thank you for granting me the privilege to be a part of God's work in your children;

"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6

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Birthday Sunday



On the first Sunday of each month, we devote our Sunday school opening to the celebration of birthdays. Anyone having a birthday in the month brings a penny for each year of their new age. For example, Nicholas Flum brought 4 pennies on February 1st, because he turned 4 in February. Some of our older participants bring nickels, dimes, and even quarters to speed the counting. So, on the first Sunday of the month of your birthday, please bring a penny for each year of your age (or equivalent) to the Sunday school opening. It's a fun way to celebrate birthdays.



First and Second Grades

The first and second graders' class is in desperate need of more members. Dillon is our only regular member. If you know of anyone in the first or second grade, please invite and encourage him or her to join us. All will be most welcome!

A, B, C Bible Verses

We are developing a list of Bible verses for all Sunday school students (even adults) to memorize. The list is alphabetical with the first word of each verse corresponding to a letter of the alphabet. This is the list we have developed so far:

- A** All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. (John 6:37)
- B** Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)
- C** Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)
- D** Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:10-11).
- E** Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. (Romans 10:13)
- F** Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. (Isaiah 43:1)
- G** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)
- H** Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty Reigns (Revelation 20:19:6)
- J** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25)
- S** Surely I am with you always, to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:20)
- T** The LORD is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

Can you add to our list? Send your contributions to education@reflutheran.org.



Sam Giesy telling his story.

Stories of Faith

Each month, a member of our congregation has shared a story of his faith. Matt McKane was the first to share how God helped him in a difficult situation. Next, Sam Giesy told how God upheld him when he was shot

down during World War II. Pastor Russ also shared a story of God's goodness to him.

Would you be willing to share a Story of Faith in our Sunday school opening? We would like to hear a brief

(about 5 minutes) recounting of how God has helped you through a difficult situation. Please contact Rusty Flum [(714) 596-0114] to coordinate a date for your story.