

Prince of Peace Lutheran church and School

PARISH PRINTS

January 2010

From our President...

How are you planning to "celebrate" the New Year 2010?

2009, like any year before it, was filled with blessings, joy, sorrow, trials and tribulations, revelations and growth. Each one of us will look back at 2009 with a different perspective. For some we may celebrate it as the best year of our lives, for others it may be a year to forget. Each one of us will also look to 2010 with our plans for the future. We will have New Year resolutions, set goals for ourselves, our families, our careers, our lives and our faith. We will share many of these events with our closest friends and families and rely on them to keep us focused just as we put our faith in Him to provide for us and carry us through the times of trial.

As we move into January and the months that will follow, we are going to meet new people. We will meet people that are special and we can engage in Caring Conversations with them to learn more about their gifts and talents or their needs and challenges. We can be Available to them, can encourage them, help them and guide them. Some will be believers in Christ, others may be waiting for that invitation that you extend through your Authentic actions, words and prayer. Celebrate these new people that you meet, rejoice and lift them up. Affirm His Word every day to all as you help strengthen and focus others and you will find that you strengthen and focus yourself at the same time.

2010 will be filled with new blessings, joy, sorrow, trials and tribulations, revelations and growth for all of us. My prayer for each of you is that you are looking at 2010 with great energy, enthusiasm and celebration for the blessings that God will bestow upon you. Remember the teaching of Paul to the Thessalonians in Chapter 1:15-16, Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Kristina Cook

Happy New Year!



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Council Highlights

12/15/09

- The council begins each meeting with devotions and caring conversations. We celebrate the joys of each member and share our concerns so that we can pray together for encouragement and support.
- The Health Ministry team is still looking for volunteers that are willing to drive the Ride Connection van on 1-2 Sundays a month to help transport some of our members in need of transportation. Mandatory training for the van is approximately 3 hours in length. If a volunteer from the congregation cannot be found, the council has agreed that the health team should consider hiring a driver and add the estimated cost to the 2010 budget proposal.
- The council is continuing to explore space utilization throughout the building(s) to offer solutions to growing ministries. Ron Morris has agreed to offer some suggestions for areas that have been identified as under utilized.
- Selection of individuals for the selection team to help find a nominee for the Family Life Minister Staff Vacancy has started. Ben and Alice Kaster have both agreed to participate on the team. Additional members have been nominated and contacted, with finalization after the busy holiday season. Ron Morris will help communicate between the team and council with a goal to have a candidate ready for presentation to the congregation in June 2010.
- Council assisted the Health Ministry team with a survey that will help the parish nursing team understand the wants and needs of the congregation as well as help the congregation learn more about this ministry at POP.
- The Dec teen volleyball event was a fun and spirit filled event. Plans are underway to continue the partnership with Bethlehem Lutheran Church for quarterly events.
- The Stephen Ministry is now called ROSE which stands for Reaching Out Serving Everyone.
- 2010 Budget considerations were discussed with final budget proposal to be presented at the January meeting.
- The meeting was closed with a "letter from Jesus".

Save the Date!

A voter's meeting will be held on Sunday February, 7th at 9:15am in the sanctuary to approve the 2010 budget. There will not be an adult Sunday School class on this Sunday.



Bulletin Board



Amazing Grays

Planning meeting
January 14th, 11:30
CLC 125



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Soda crackers, sugar, cereal, toilet paper



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Come Knit or Crochet with Quilters on
Monday Jan. 4th & Feb. 1st
10:00 - 7:00
(come and go as your time allows)



Please call Mary Raetz
If you are interested.

Mary 503-629-2025
mary@raetzfamily.com

Quilting News



Quilting for Kids
January 4, 10:00 - 7:00
February 1, 10:00 - 7:00
Contact Mary Raetz
503-629-2025

Knot Tiers
January 11, 1:00
February 8, 1:00

Contact Anne Seim
503-646-7700

All are welcome, no experience necessary.
Please call to let someone know that you are coming.

Forest Hills Lutheran School

FOREST HILLS LUTHERAN SCHOOL IS ENROLLING STUDENTS

Do you have a child beginning Kindergarten in the fall of 2010 or a child/children in grades Kindergarten -8th grade? Would you like your child/children to be challenged academically in a Christian environment? Join 160 students currently attending Forest Hills Lutheran School. Call the school 503-359-4853 to schedule a tour of the 12 acre campus or contact Sharlayne Buuck at buucks@fhls.org. To learn more about our school go to www.fhls.org.

531 POUNDS OF FOOD COLLECTED

Forest Hills students collected 531 lbs. of food which was shared with the Westside Lutheran School Association Churches to help fill Christmas baskets for those less fortunate. It was a privilege to partner with Prince of Peace in this endeavor.

PRINCIPAL CALL UPDATE

Interviews will be conducted with candidates interested in the principal position at Forest Hills the first week of January. Please keep the school in your prayers as committee members take action to fulfill God's plan for the school.

Adult Education Classes



Human care

The year ended in a flurry of activity with distribution of Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and gifts. We served 7 families this holiday season. I thank the Schmitts, Anne Seim, Jill Frerichs, and Carla Fenning for delivering. Also, thanks to Marlene Knechtel and grandson, Connor who helped sort the Christmas food and gifts. Jill's daughters were also a big help with sorting Thanksgiving food. We thank ALL of YOU who made it happen with your donations of food and gifts!! Bev took Target gift certificates to the ladies of Franklin House. We found out last year this is a good way for them to enjoy an outing shopping for things they need. I learned the staff is short-handed at the house and it is difficult to get them to church.

My tally of people served food on Friday is 407! You have really helped so many with the food donations. The Pre-School is a partner in this outreach of caring. The Forest Hills School also donated five boxes of groceries in December. We do thank them also. It has been meaningful to those receiving this boost in food help. We are lucky ones who can see the result.

Please continue to remember Good Samaritan Sunday for food donations as this is keeps our Friday food distribution going!

Blessings to all who help us do our job.

Bev Cathcart & Elnora Bender

Serving our Congregation

We could use your help!

Helpers needed to help take down Christmas Decorations

Saturday, Jan. 9, from 9:00 AM to noon



Drivers for Sunday Service
Call Anne 503-646-7700 or
Karina 503-645-0436



Cookie Angels & Coffee Helpers
Sign up at the cookie table



Greeters

Patti Nicoll 503-297-7058

Our adult education program is off to a great start this school year with an average of 18 attendees each week in our brand new classroom in CLC 125. If you haven't checked out one of our classes yet, we'd love to have you join us after the holidays. Here are the upcoming classes we have planned for January and into March:

"Miracles of Jesus", January 3 - 31, 2010

Healer of diseases. Master of nature. Conqueror of demons and death. Jesus not only preached the kingdom of God in word, but he demonstrated it in power through his miraculous deeds. In five engaging, interactive sessions, this Deeper Connections DVD-based class will give you a unique, in-depth look at the miracles of Jesus that will open your eyes to their impact on the lives he touched, what they reveal about God's heart, and their significance for us today.

"Themes in Acts", February 14 - March 14, 2010


The Acts of the Apostles has Jesus set a program for activity for his followers. He tells them they will be empowered by the Spirit to proclaim the kingdom in Jerusalem, then to Judea, Samaria, and finally to the very ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). Find yourself a globe sometime, a stick pin and a piece of string. Push the stick pin through the middle of the string and into Jerusalem, then feed the string through your fingers until it reaches the other side of the world. You will end up just off the American coast in the Pacific Ocean. We really do live at "the end of the earth" in one sense. The Acts of the Apostles sets the program for the faith of God's people as they come to trust in the Jesus who leads and attends them on this journey to the end of the world in all its senses. In the season of Lent we want to focus our attention on these Acts of the Apostles together in the Adult Bible Study as we explore the themes of Acts.

Our study leader will be Pastor Phillip Brandt, Associate Professor of Theology at Concordia University in Portland where he teaches courses in Biblical Theology, Historical theology, and Lutheran Confessions. He has served congregations in Utah and Oregon and makes his home near Concordia's campus with his wife, Stephanie, and three children. Please plan to attend. The Acts of the Apostles will shape and inform your own journey of discipleship and witness. The studies will each be self-contained, so you may attend the weeks your schedule permits.




Parish Nurses

H1N1 flu shot clinics are operating in our area. To find a clinic near you contact your local Fred Meyer Stores, Walgreens, Target Stores or the following County Clinics:

 Multnomah County Health Dept Community Immunizations
426 SW Stark St, 3rd Floor, Portland, OR
(503) 988-3828
M,T,W,Th,F 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

 Washington County Beaverton Clinic
12550 SW Second Ave, Beaverton, OR
(503) 846-8851
M,T,W,Th,F

 Washington County Tigard Clinic
15296 SW Royalty Parkway, Tigard, OR
(503) 846-8851
M,T,W,Th,F

VOLUNTEER

Project Homeless Connect

Washington County's 4th Annual
Free Resources/Services for homeless people
Sonrise Church
6701 NE Campus Drive
Hillsboro OR 97124

To Volunteer:
www.handsonportland.org or call:
Kim Marshall 503-443-6084

Coming Soon:

POP Health Survey

Please help the Health Ministry Committee determine what our health needs are.

The survey will be complete anonymous, no name attached so please fill out and return your survey when it comes.

There will also be an opportunity to identify specific needs. That part of the survey will be seen only by our parish nurses.

We look forward to hearing about your specific needs.

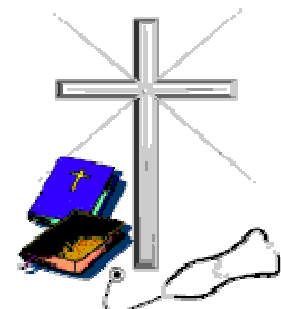
Mary Raetz, Health Ministry Committee



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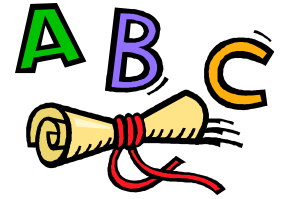
Mandatory training for the van is approximately 3 hours in length.

Please contact Karina Wehrspann or any council member if you are able to help in this ministry.





School News



With a Servant's Heart Every Day

Teacher = Servant

This is so true at Prince of Peace. The Lord has blessed us with talented, dedicated teachers who love to serve Jesus by serving children and families each day. Check out their biographies on our website and join me in thanking God for so many gifted hands and hearts at Prince of Peace School.

As our educational ministry continues to grow, adding elementary grades, we will inevitably experience some growing pains. Like a lump of clay on the potter's wheel, we will experience the pressure and pain of transformation. But these very experiences which are difficult at the time and which we might seek to avoid are often those that make us the most "real", the most authentic and affirming and helpful in the lives of those we serve. I pray that Jesus would use our "growing pains" over the next few years to His glory as we seek ways to serve Him by loving and educating children and their families.

*"Yet, O Lord, You are our Father. We are the clay, and You are the potter; we are all the work of Your hand."
Isaiah 64:8*

With Joy,
Darlene Thauland



Enrollment for 2010-11

By the grace of God, we will be accepting enrollment for 2010-11, beginning January 11, 2010. Prince of Peace school families and congregation families will have the opportunity to enroll through January. Enrollment opens to the general community in February. For more information visit our website: www.princeofpeaceclc.org

Classes offered in 2010-11 include:

- classes for 3 year olds
- classes for 4 year olds
- pre-kindergarten classes
- full day kindergarten classes (1/2 day option available)
- 1st grade
- 2nd grade
- Student /Teacher Ratio:
- 10/1 for preschool
- 16/1 for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten
- 18/1 for elementary grades

Prince of Peace School Scholarship Fund

It is a hope of the School Board that any family desiring the Christ-centered education that we provide for their child would be able to attend Prince of Peace regardless of family financial circumstances.

The Prince of Peace School Scholarship Fund provides opportunity for congregational members and others to participate in the mission of our school. Our Scholarship Fund was particularly blessed this school year by a donation from the Howard and Crystal Stroud family.

You can donate to the Scholarship Fund anytime throughout the year and all the money goes to support families in need.

Questions? Contact Darlene Thauland on any school day 503-645-1211

The mission of Prince of Peace School: By God's grace, through Christ, we seek to know Him and make Him known, providing Christ-centered early childhood and elementary education in a loving and nurturing environment.

Chapel with Pastor Dan



January 5, 9:15am and 1:00pm
January 6, 9:15am and 1:15pm
January 19, 9:15am
January 20, 9:15am and 1:15pm

Chapel offerings for Dec-Feb will go to Jamii Moja, to help build wells, maintain schools and improve medical facilities for the Maasai in Tanzania and Kenya.



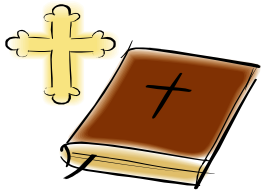
Open House

Annual School Open House
Thursday, January 28
6:00-8:00pm

- ❖Meet the teachers
- ❖Review the curriculum
- ❖See samples of student work

The first annual Science Fair will be going on in conjunction with the Open House
The first grade students will have their projects on display in the gym on Jan 28

Come.....Come.....Come.....Come



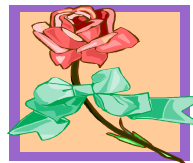
Devotional Guide for December Scripture helps to prepare yourself for Sunday Worship

January 3	Second Sunday of Christmas	Jer 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Eph 1:3-14 John 1:1-9) 10-18
January 6	Epiphany of Our Lord	Isa 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Eph 3:1-12 Matt 2:1-12
January 10	Baptism of Our Lord	Isa 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
January 17	Second Sunday of Epiphany	Isa 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Cor 12:1-11 John 2:1-11
January 24	Third Sunday of Epiphany	Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Cor 12: 12-31a Luke 4:14-21
January 31	Fourth Sunday of Epiphany	Jer 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Cor 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30

Happy Birthday January



- 3 Sydney Warren
- 4 Maureen Collin
- 7 Bernie Constable
Amanda Hosler
Armon McDowell
- 9 Clyde Sloan
- 14 Tim Lydon
- 16 Andy Westlund
Tracey (Gesko) Strawbridge
- 18 Les Fishkin
- 20 Vicki Fitzgerald
- 25 Dick Nicoll
- 27 Hannah Kaye
Melissa Seim
- 28 Gina Fitzgerald
- 30 Twila Kaye
Nathan Pond
- 31 Andrew Dorn



Happy Anniversary January

27, 1996 Rodney & Beverly Peloquin



Kid's Page

Lan Su Chinese Garden Celebrating Ten Years with Ten Free Days

Lan Su Chinese Garden turns ten. To commemorate this exciting milestone and honor our special relationship with our sister city Suzhou, we're hosting a yearlong celebration--and everyone is invited. Beginning with ten free admission days and continuing throughout the year, we're filling the calendar with events and surprises not to be missed.

HOURS:
November 1 - March 31
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PHONE:
503.228.8131

ADMISSION/TICKETS:
Admission is free

EVENT DAY(S):
01/02/10 - 01/11/10

LOCATION:
Portland Classical Chinese Garden (Lan Su Chinese Garden)
239 NW Everett St
Portland, OR 97209



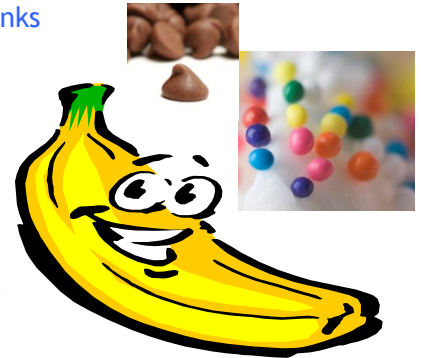
Children's Morning Prayer

Lord, in the morning I start each day,
By taking a moment to bow and pray.
I start with thanks, and then give praise
For all your kind and loving ways.
Today if sunshine turns to rain,
If a dark cloud brings some pain,
I won't doubt or hide in fear
For you, my God, are always near.
I will travel where you lead;
I will help my friends in need.
Where you send me I will go;
With your help I'll learn and grow.
Hold my family in your hands,
As we follow your commands.
And I will keep you close in sight
Until I crawl in bed tonight.
Amen.

-- Mary Fairchild

Banana Dippers

Ingredients:
Bananas - cut in chunks
colored sugars
cinnamon sugar
peanut butter
chopped nuts
coconut
ice cream sprinkles
crushed cookies
8 oz chocolate chips



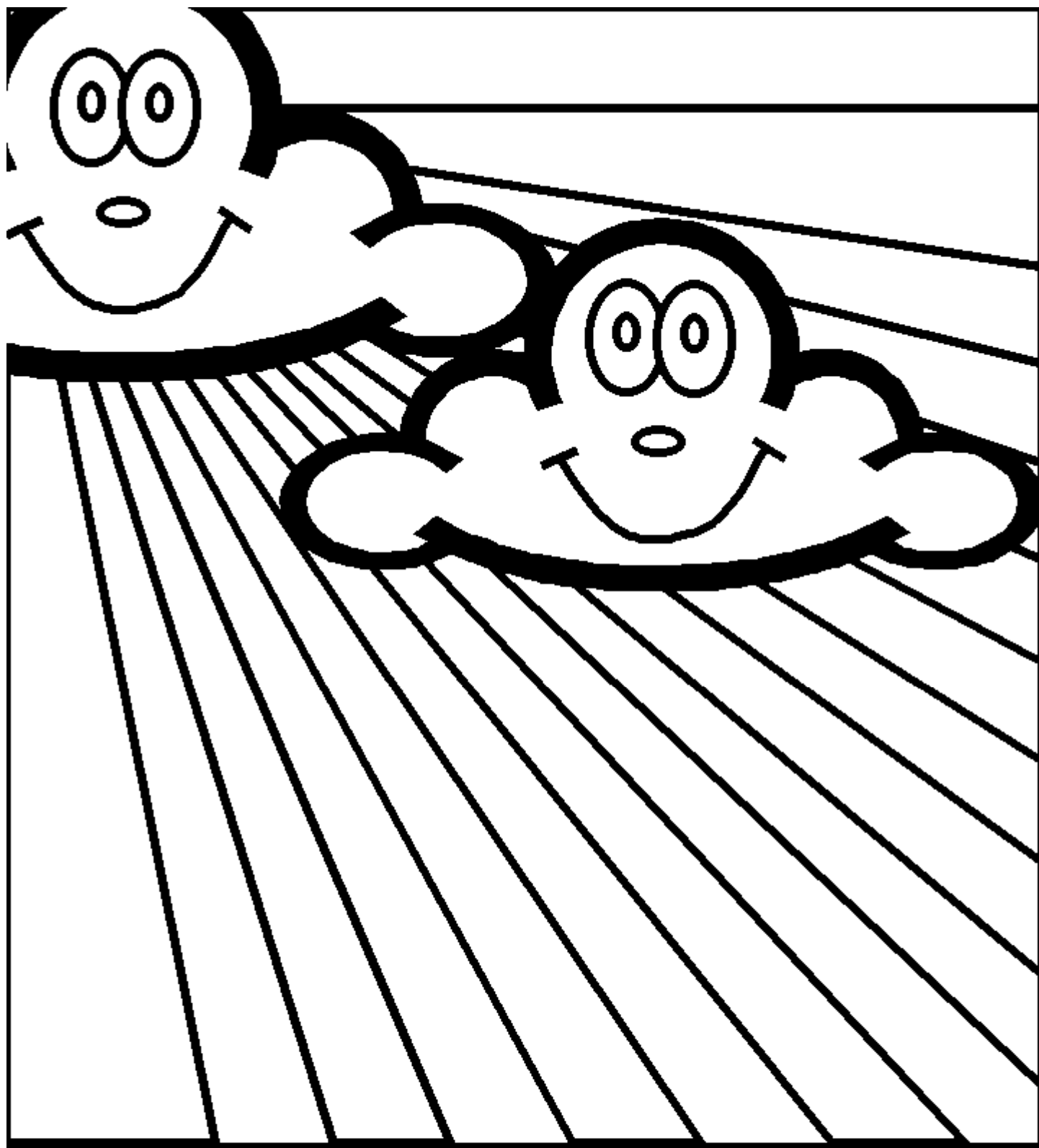
Directions:
1. Peel the bananas and slice into several pieces.
2. Place the chocolate chips in a microwave safe bowl and cook on high until melted - about 1 minute, stirring every 30 seconds until smooth.
3. Dip the banana slices in the chocolate, then roll them in other ingredients as desired

Easy Stained Glass Craft

Directions:

- Take a coffee filter and let the children color on it with different colors of WASHABLE markers
- Then let them spray it with water from a squirt bottle.
- Cut a cross (or whatever shape you would like) out of construction paper
- Glue the 'painted' filter to the back
- OPTIONAL: Cover with contact paper.
Its really pretty. You can do this with any design you want.





**On the first day, God
separated light from darkness.**