**Esperanza Lutheran Church Sunday Funday #10**

**November 15, 2020**

**All Ages**

**Bible Story: Four Friends**

**Emphasis:** Helping friends!

**Bible Background:** Four friends in our story brought a friend to be healed by Jesus.  Now there was a big crowd to see Jesus. There were many people who wanted to be healed. So the four friends in our story had to be creative to find a way to bring their friend to Jesus for healing. So they cut in a hole in the roof and lowered their friend to see Jesus.  Jesus did something unexpected when-- instead of healing the man--Jesus forgave his sins.  Then Jesus healed the man to show that he was speaking and acting for God.  The four friends were so happy and praised God everyday.  Jesus forgave their sins and loved them all!

**Read the Bible Story!:** Healing of a paralyized man and his four friends (read the story) (Spark Bible: Four Friends page 438)  It is an amazing story.  A story of healing and friendship.  It is a story of bravery and determination.

**Questions:**

1.  Are you a good friend? (Share a story about being a good friend and encourage your child to be a good friend.)

2. Have you ever been sick and your friends came to visit you?

(as a parent share a story about when you were sick and a friend

Came to visit you. You could also share a story about you going to

Visit a sock friend.)

3. Talk about if you and your child were going to visit a sick friend what would you bring them? (a treat, toy, coloring books and crayons or just you!)

**Activity:** will need STAMPS....paper, pencil or crayons.  Each of you will write a note or draw a picture for a friend and send it by mail!  If you are ambitious you can write or draw a picture to more than one friend.  This is a good way to connect and think about their friends.  Many children have facetimed  and zoomed their friends.  But by writing or drawing they can think about their friend and choose the words or picture to express to their friends how much they miss them. (especially in Covid when playdates or hanging out with friends is not happening.)

**Ehpaize: Jesus heals the paralyzed man and his friends helped!**

**Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer:** Dear Jesus you are amazing!  Thank you for my friends.  Please be with all my friends at school, at church and in my neighborhood. Amen