**Esperanza Lutheran Church Sunday Funday #11**

**November 22, 2020**

**All Ages**

**Bible Story: Four Friends**

**Emphasis:** Friends help one another.

**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 -- instead of  first healing the man--Jesus forgave his sins.  **Then** Jesus healed the man to show that he was speaking and acting for God. The people were surprised because only God forgave sins!  Many people came to believe that day that Jesus was God’s son!

**Read the Bible Story!:** Healing of a paralyzed man and his brave four friends (read the story) (Spark Bible: Four Friends page 438)  It is an amazing story.  A story of healing and friendship.  It is also a story of deep compassion and love.

**Questions:**

**1.** What is your best friend’s name? What do you like about him

    Or her?

              (Parents share with your child about your best friend when

      When you were their age.)

2.   What is the best thing about having friends?

3.  Do you think Jesus had friends? (the disciples were Jesus’s

     friends)

**Activity:** Helping friends and helping each other!  You will need a bag of pretzels or chips.  Parents pretend that your hands are hurt and are paralyized like the man in our story.  Tell your child that you are really hungry for a snack but your hands don’t work right now.

Ask: how can I eat a snack?  Ask your child: will you help me?

Have your child feed you a snack and thank them. Talk about how the four friends in the story were very brave when their friend needed help.  The four friends worked hard to help their friend see Jesus when his legs did not work.

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

**Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer:** Dear Jesus you are amazing!  Help us to be good and brave friends.  Help each one of us to give and love our friends today and everyday. Amen