**Esperanza Lutheran Church Sunday Funday Advent #1**

**November 29, 2020**

**All Ages**

**Bible Story: Angel Gabriel came to tell Mary**

**Emphasis:** The Angel of the Lord came down to tell Mary she will have a child and his name will be Jesus.

**Bible Background:** The Angel Gabriel was God’s messenger.  His message was that Mary was to have a child and this child would be the Son of God.  Mary was to name her son Jesus.  Now Mary was not married and when the Angel appeared to her she was scared.  The Angel said don’t be afraid! I have good news.  You are to be the mother of Jesus and he will be very important to many people.  She said yes to be the mother of Jesus and said to the Angel Gabriel “I am God’s servant I will do whatever God says”

**Read the Bible Story!:** (The story is from Luke 1: 26-38) Spark Bible “Angel’s Visit” Page 196-201. This is the story of the Annunciation which is a Latin word for official proclamation.  God officially announced to Mary that God was coming down to earth to save and love all people.  God came as a baby, born to a young faithfull girl to make us right with God’s self.

**Questions:**

 **1.** Was Mary scared of the Angel Gabriel? (Yes, at first.  The Angel was tall with a deep voice and in bright white clothes.  She never encountered someone like that!  The Angel Gabriel assured her that God is with her and he was sent by God.)

 2.  Did she believe the Angel Gabriel when he first said that she was going to have a son? (No, she did not!  The the Angel said that the Holy Spirit will help her and she will have a son)

 3. What did Mary say when she realized that God has asked her to be the mom of God’s own Son?  ( She said, “I am God’s servant, I will do whatever God says”)  **That took great faith to say yes to God!**

 4. What is the best news you ever got? Who told you the news?(Parents share your best news too!)

**Activity:** Making Airplanes!  Take a few pieces of paper and write: “ “Baby Jesus is coming!” Take the paper(s) and make them into a paper airplane and fly them.  Have fun flying your paper airplanes and talk about telling the good news that Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem and is the savior of the world.

**Ehpaize: God sent the Angel Gabriel to tell Mary that Jesus was to be born.  We too can be God’s messenger to tell people about Jesus, our Savior and Lord.**

**Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer:** Dear Jesus, we can’t wait to celebrate your birth. Help us to be your messengers.  Help us tell others about your son Jesus who was born in a manger and came down to save the world.  Amen