**Esperanza Lutheran Church Sunday Funday Advent #2**

**December,6 2020**

**All Ages**

**Bible Story: God sent a message to Mary! She was chosen to be God’s mom!**

**Emphasis:** The Angel of the Lord came down to tell Mary that she will be a mom and Joseph will help her love and take care of the Son of God.

**Bible Background:** Mary was very young when God chose her to be the mother of Jesus.  She had just got engaged to Joseph and was planning to get married soon.  Then the Angel told her that she was going to be Jesus' mom.  Her life changed and so did Joseph’s.  Joseph did not believe Mary at first that she was visited by an Angel sent from God.  He changed his mind when God sent the Angel Gabriel to  him and told Joseph all about God’s  plan.  Mary and Joseph were so happy to be Jesus’s parents on earth.  They loved Jesus and he loved them.

**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. Both Mary and Joseph were visited by God’s messenger, the Angel Gabriel.  They both said yes to God and to be part of God’s amazing plan to love and save all people.

**Questions:**

**1.** What did Joseph do when Mary told him that she was going to have a baby? (He did not believe her and thought about not marrying her.)

2. How did Joseph change his mind about Mary? (The Angel Gabriel came to Joseph in a dream and told Joseph about God’s plan.  God’s Angel told Joseph that Mary was going to have a baby, God’s son and they are to name him Jesus.)

3. Do you believe in Angels? (In the Bible there are several references to Angels. They are important!  Angels are God’s messengers, they serve God and they give praise to God.)

4. Do you think God asks us to be part of God’s plan? ( We can be part of God’s plan by caring for God’s people. Whenever we give to someone who needs food, clothing, or helping hand. Whenever we give   kindness and caring to others...**we are part of God’s plan!**)

**Activity:** Make the Angel craft that you will find in your envelope.  Talk about Angels and how God gave the Angel Gabriel such a big job.  The Angel Gabriel was sent to tell Mary, Joseph and the world that Jesus was coming!

**Ehpaize: God sent the Angel Gabriel to tell Mary that Jesus was to be born.  We too can be God’s messenger and be part of God’s plan for the world.**

**Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer:** Dear Jesus, we can’t wait to celebrate your birth. Help us to be part of God’s plan to love and care for God’s people and the earth. Amen