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

**January 10, 2021**

**All Ages**

**Bible Story: The Wise Men searched for a King**

**Emphasis:** The Wisemen followed a Star to find God’s promise of Baby that would be the Savior of the world. The King of Kings.

**Bible Background:** The Wise Men have been waiting for someone important to be born,they were waiting for a King. They knew that God would send a sign.   God did send a sign and it was a Star.  the Wisemen did see God’s sign and packed up their camels and followed the Star.  They travelled for a very long time while following the Star. They entered Bethlehem and the Star was right above the stable where Jesus was born.  In the stable they found baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph.  All the Wise Men knelt down to worship the tiny King and left him gifts.  The gifts were Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.  All these  gifts were fit for a King! The Wise Men were filled with joy!  They then packed up and went straight home to tell what they had seen.

**Read the Bible Story!:**  (Spark Bible: Wise Men Page 218-223, Matthew 2: 1-12)  This is the story of the Wise Men who came to worship Jesus, the new Baby King.

**Questions:**

1. **What were the Wise Men looking for?** (a King, God’s gift of a King for the world.)

1. **What was the sign that they were to follow to find the King?** (A Star)

1. **What do you think the Wise Men used to travel on when they went to Bethlehem?** ( in the time of Jesus' birth most people traveled by Camel or Donkey)  Do you think it was a comfortable way to travel?

1. **Do you think it was difficult to travel by following a Star?** (People use to follow stars as they traveled for example the North Star)

1. **What is the name of scientists who study stars and planets?** (Astrologers)

**Activity: Spending time looking at Stars.**  Get out of storage or barrow a set of binoculars.  As it gets dark go out and look at the stars in the sky.  Point out the “North Star.”  Share with your child that the north star was a star many people used to travel places.  Many ships used the north star to help them travel the world.  God has created so many stars!  Look for the big dipper and little dipper.  Google other stars for you and your child to find. Remind each other that it was a Star that the wisemen followed to find the baby Jesus in Bethlehem.

**Emphasize: Jesus was born on a Starry Night.  God gave the**

**Wise Men a wonderful sign to follow to find the baby King.**

**Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer:** Dear Jesus you are amazing!  Help us to look up at your beautiful stars.  Help us to remember your son who was born on a star filled night a long time ago.