**Esperanza Lutheran Church Sunday Funday**

**February 14, 2021**

**All Ages**

**Bible Story: House on the Rock**

**Emphasis:** Jesus is a great storyteller!

**Bible Background:** Jesus loved to teach stories about God.  He wanted to share and show how to live a life of God. This story is about building a house on sand and building a house on rock. This parable/story is about building our lives on following Jesus and believing in  God.  Trust God and you we will be on solid ground. Jesus says if you listen to me, you are building your life on the sturdy rock of God. If you listen to other’s, you are building your life on ideas that are like the sand that will just blow away. People were amazed by Jesus and his wisdom.  He was a great teacher and peoples hearts were changed.

**Read the Bible Story!:**  (Spark Bible: House on the Rock, Pages 282 - 285. NRSV Matthew 7: 24-27)  When Jesus told stories/parables people would come to hear and learn. People were drawn to Jesus!

**Questions:**

1. **What is your favorite story to read with your parents?** (example: Good Night Moon)

1. **Have you ever told a story about your day to your parents?** (If the yes, ask them to remind you of the story they told)

1. **Do you like funny stories or scary stories?** (parents share your favorite funny or scary story to your child)

1. **What is your favorite part of this story of the House on the Rock?** (Pick a fun part of the story and share it again, for example: The rains washed away the house on the sand, but the house on the rock stood firm!)

**Activity:** find some rocks in your yard and put them in a basket or a bowl.  Have all kinds and sizes because you and your child are going to build a house.  Talk about building a solid foundation, the base with the flatter rocks.  Then start to build the walls and the roof. Talk about how struy God is in your life and share that God is your foundation too, when things get tough.  Jesus says to start praying to **God our rock.** God helps us get through the tough time and sad times.  We also pray in the good times and thank God for moms, dads, sisters, brothers, friends.  Thanking God for our life and thanking God for loving us.

**Emphasize: God is our rock! In the good times and in the not so good times.**

**Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer:** Dear God, we thank you for being our rock. We can pray to you in the good times and the not so good times. Thank you for being our rock and loving us so much!  Amen.