**Esperanza Lutheran Church Sunday Funday**

**February 21,2021**

**All Ages**

**Bible Story: House on the Rock**

**Emphasis:** Let’s build our life on God and God’s love

**Bible Background:** Jesus loved to teach in stories called parables.  He wanted to share and show how to live a life with God. This is a simple story about building a house on sand and building a house on rock. This parable/story shares that if you build your life on following Jesus and believing in God, you will be on solid ground!  Jesus says to trust God and follow him. Jesus also said if you listen to me, you are building your life on the sturdy rock of God.  People were amazed by Jesus, he was a great storyteller. Love, respect and care for others...this is living upon the rock our God...a firm foundation.

**Read the Bible Story!:**  (Spark Bible: House on the Rock, Pages 282 - 285. NRSV Matthew 7: 24-27)  When the rains came down the house on the rock stood firm. Build your life upon God. God is our firm foundation.

**Questions:**

1. **How can you learn to live on a firm foundation? How can you learn to live in God our rock?** (read and listen to the parables/stories of Jesus in the Bible)

1. **What can you do to show others that God is your firm foundation?** (Do what Jesus and Bible teaches us (Galatians 5:22 Fruit of the Spirit) **Share** - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control)

1. **What are you going to build? A house on a rock or a house on sand?** (ROCK! Jesus says build your house on a rock...on the firm foundation of God!)

**Activity:** Living as God is your rock and foundation brainstorm ideas to care for others as Jesus asks us to do.  Gather food for the Kyrene family resource center.  Make sandwiches for our healthcare workers and drop them off at church. (You will find days we are feeding hospital workers on Esperanza’s website)  Make thank you cards for first responders.(Police officers and firefighters) Find a place to give and care for people in the community!  Building you life on God our rock!

**Emphasize: God is our rock! We can build our lives on God and do what Jesus taught us...to GIVE, to LOVE!**

**Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer:** Dear Jesus, thank you for sharing all your stories about God with us.  Help us to live and do what God has asked us to do, love others.  Amen.