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

**March 7,2021**

**All Ages**

**Bible Story: The Lord’s Prayer**

**Emphasis: The Lord’s Prayer is a prayer that Jesus taught his followers.  This prayer teaches us who God is and how God works.**

**Bible Background:** This is a prayer that Jesus shared.  He encouraged his disciples and the people who were following him to pray and talk to his Father.  Forgiveness is an important part of who God is and  how much God loves us.   Jesus taught the disciples many things about God and how God wanted them to live.  People everywhere came to hear Jesus teach about God's kingdom. Jesus was a great teacher! We can learn how to pray from the words that Jesus taught the disciples.

**Read the Bible Story!:**  (Spark Bible: Story of the Lord’s Prayer Pages 278-281) Matthew 6:5-14  -Jesus instructions to praying from the heart.)

**Questions:**

1. **Who taught you how to pray?** (share with your child who taught you? It may have been your parents or grandma, grandpa or maybe a Sunday School teacher)

1. **How do you pray for forgiveness,for yourself and for others?** (Share that forgiveness is a gift from God. God knows that if you ask for forgiveness from your heart in prayer, God always will forgive you.  If you ask for forgiveness of others God will always forgive!)

1. **Do you have a special place in which you go to pray?** (Share about that special place.  If not,find a quiet place in your house or a quiet corner in your room to sit and pray.  A special place outside is great too!  When you find a special place to talk with God, God is filled with joy!)

1. **How do you show others you forgive them?** (Tell them with the words, I forgive you. Then show them by being kind and caring towards them)

**Activity: Forgiveness Walk.** In the Lord's Prayer, we ask God for forgiveness. Just like God forgives each of us, we can all forgive each other. Take a walk with your family. As you walk, look at God’s creation.

Thank God for the beauty of the world.  Then share some things you need to be forgiven of…  know that God always forgives you.  Thank God for God’s forgiveness and thank God for forgiving others too!  (Maybe you want to take a forgiveness walk once a week:)

**Emphasize: Jesus loved his Father and wanted others to love his father too.  Jesus knew that his father forgave all people. We are  to forgive people too. Share Forgiveness and love to all your friends and family.**

**Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer:** Dear God, please help us to forgive those who have hurt us.  Help us and them to be kind and loving. Amen