**Esperanza Lutheran Church Sunday Funday Lent #3**

**March 14,2021**

**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 and thankfulness are important parts of who God is and how God loves. In the Lord’s prayer there are many words that we do not use or understand today in 2021.

Lord’s prayer words and definitions are defined in Luther’s small Catechism.  (Enclosed in your packet is the Small Catechism pages:15-22)  This will give you insight and understanding of the Lord’s Prayer.  The Small Catechism was written by Martin Luther for parents to teach their children at home. (Centuries later here we are!)

**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 to his disciples)

**Questions:**

1. **What did the disciples ask Jesus to do?** (Teach them how to pray!)

1. **Who did Jesus say we should think about when we pray?** (only God)

1. **What can we ask God to help us do?** (Help us to forgive others   and to do good and care for our family and all people.)

1. **What happens when we pray?** (We talk to God and God listens. God listens everytime we pray!**)**

**Activity:**

**Activity items:** sliced apples,lemon juice,cinnamon sugar.

The disciples wanted to talk to God. They had seen other people use big fancy words and loud voices to talk to God. They asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. Jesus taught them that anyone can talk to God.

We're going to make Munch-able Mouths to help us remember that anyone can talk to God!

1. Give each child an apple

2. Slice these apples into pieces

3. Dip each apple slice into the bowl of lemon water to prevent browning. Place the dipped slices on a paper towel to dry for a moment.

4. Make a smile with the apple slices on a plate.

5. Sprinkle the apple slices with cinnamon sugar. (words can be sweet!)  The apple smile reminds us that we use our mouths to pray the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples and us to pray. The Lord’s Prayer. *(remind your child that words* *of thankfulness and forgiveness are sweet!)*

**Emphasize: Jesus taught the disciples how to pray because prayer is important. Prayer is talking and listening to God. God wants us to pray everyday!**

**Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer:** Dear God, Thank you giving us Jesus our savior.  Thank you for your son Jesus who taught us how to pray. Amen