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

**May 9, 2021**

**All Ages**

**Bible Story: Creation- God begins to create out of love and goodness**

**Emphasis: God made the world. God created everything, and it was good!**

**Bible Background:** Before God created the world, there was nothing at all - except God.  The world was void, dark, chaotic and there was nothing in the world.  God wanted to create a world that came from God. The creation was created out of love and goodness..

So God started to create. God said let there be light.  God began making the world with light and life.  God took seven days of intentional commands to create our amazing world.  Each time God created, it was beautiful and good. God wanted to create a world of love and grace.  What an amazing diverse world.  On the seventh day God said, Yea! it was finished.  God was so happy and God loved what was created.

Genesis has two creation stories written by two different tribes of people who told stories of creation orally that were passed down from generation to generation.   Then they wrote down their creation stories and they became first and second chapters of Genesis.  Each story has God creating out of nothing and lifting up God’s creation as good.

**Read the Bible Story!:**  (Spark Bible: Creation: Page 3-7 When you read out of the Spark Bible the story of Creation, have fun by making the sounds that are written!  (NRSV Bible Genesis 1 and 2, Creation Stories)  (focus on Genesis 1: 1-25)

**Questions:**

1. What did God create on the second day? **(God made they sky, a dome in the midst of the waters separating the waters from the waters)**

1. What is your favorite thing about the sky? **(Could be the color of the sky, clouds or a beautiful sunset.)**

1. When was the last time you saw a sunrise or a sunset? **(Share with your child a time that you watched a sunrise or a sunset)**

1. Which do you like best? Going up to the mountains or going to the beach?  (**Talk about which one you like best then plan a trip to the mountains or to the beach God created both!)**

**Activity: Go on a fun and exciting virtual trip! Visit National Park websites.** Pick websites of National Parks in different parts of the United States. This will give you and your child a glimpse of God’s diverse and vast creation.  Maybe you could plan a trip to see one of the parks in person!

**Emphasize: God created a world of mountains, oceans, seas, valleys,lakes and hills. God created the world big and beautiful!**

**Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer:** Dear God, thank you for creating our beautiful earth.  Help us to see that all of your creation is good.  We love you. Amen