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

**May 16, 2021**

**All Ages**

**Bible Story: Creation- God made every star in the sky? Millions...Billions!**

**Emphasis: God made the world. God created the universe 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. A world filled with God’s 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 loved what was created.

Genesis has two creation stories written by two different tribes of people who told stories of creation that were passed down from generation to generation.  These creation stories and became the 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 I encourage you to read out of the Spark Bible. As you read “The Creation Story” make the sounds that are written! (NRSV Bible Genesis 1 and 2, Creation Stories (focus on Genesis 1: 14-19)

**Questions:**

1. What did God create on the fourth day? **(God made the sun, moon and the stars)**

1. How many stars do you think there are in the sky? **(millions, billions? Maybe God made so many we can’t count them all.  Some stars are being created right now!)**

1. Why do you think God made stars in the sky?  **(God may have made stars to guide people at night...ships and boats use stars to follow and guide them on the ocean. God may have created stars to light up the sky at night.)**

1. God created Galaxies full of stars beyond Earth. Would you ever travel in a spaceship to other planets or stars? **( It would be cool to be an astronaut and go exploring God’s huge creation.)**

**Activity: Pick a night to look at stars, go star gazing!.** Look up on the internet different stars to find their location in the sky. For example: find the North star that ships use to navigate.  Find the big dipper and the little dipper.  Talk about how amazing and vast is God’s creation.  You may want to plan a trip to the Planetarium.  ASU has an amazing Planetarium!

**Emphasize: God created all the stars in the sky...billions of stars!**

**Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer:** Dear God, help us to look up to see what you have created, all the stars in the sky. We thank you for the beautiful stars at night. Amen