**Esperanza Lutheran Church Sunday Funday May #4**

**May 23, 2021**

**All Ages**

**Bible Story: Creation, God made human beings.**

**Emphasis: God made the world. God created humankind in God’s own image and blessed each one person to be God’s own.**

**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.  God created a world out of love and goodness.  On the sixth day God made human beings and made them in God’s own image.  An image of love, strength, and caring for the earth and all that is in it.

On the seventh day God said, Yea! it was finished.  God was so happy!

In Genesis, the writers brought together two oral traditions to tell the story of God’s amazing handiwork.   Both creation stories tell of God’s power, creativity and how God created humans to be special. God created human beings to have dominion over the earth.  Having dominion and being in God’s image is about caring for what God has made.  Caring the way that God would care for God’s own creation.  Having dominion is about respecting and uplifting God’s beautiful earth and all that is in it!

**Read the Bible Story!:**  (Spark Bible: Creation: Page 3-7 When you read to your child out loud from the Spark Bible “Creation” make the sounds that are written:)   (NRSV Bible Genesis 1 and 2(focus Genesis 1: 26-31, 2:1-3)

**Questions:**

1. What did God create on the sixth day? **(God made human beings in God’s own image)**

1. What did God do on the seventh day? **(God said that it was finished and then God rested and boy,did God need a rest! :)**

1. Did God make you? Your parents, your brother or sister? **(Yes, God made everyone.  God made each person unique and special)**

1. What do you think is your best feature that God has created in you? What about your mom and dad?  **( Your best feature may be your eyes or your smile. It may be your sense of humor.)**

**Activity: Together with your child draw self portraits.** Gather paper, crayons, pencils, **(There is a palette of water colors and a brush in your packet)** make self portraits.  You may want to draw each other too.  Talk about how God has made us unique and one of a kind.  Share that God loves all of us, just that way we are.  We all are loved and special to God.  Put your self portraits on the refrigerator!

**Emphasize: God created Human Beings and each one is special to God.**

**Hold hands and end in a Family Prayer:** Dear God, thank you for making me and my family.  We love you. Amen