

## **Esther and Emmett and Epiphany – Jan 3. 2021**

(Esther is looking around, up and down)

Emmett: Hi Esther. What are looking for?

Esther: Hi Emmett. I'm not sure what I'm looking for.

Emmett: You're not sure what you're looking for? Doesn't that make it hard to find it?

Esther: Hopefully I'll know it when I see it.

Emmett: Hmmm...maybe I can help...could it be a table?

Esther: NO!!!

Emmett: How about a window, or a light, or a wall...

Esther: NO!! I'm looking for an epiphany!!!

Emmett: (looks around) I don't think we have any of that around here...no ...ppp funnies!

Esther: Epiphany.

Emmett: Right. Any idea what size this epi...ffnnee thing will be?

Esther: It's not really a thing...it's a moment!

Emmett: Hmm, kinda hard to see one of those.

Esther: An epiphany is a moment when you suddenly understand something, or realize something, or see something it a new way that helps make sense of everything else.

Emmett: I once had three pieces of broccoli on my plate, and then there were only two pieces of broccoli on my plate, and then I looked on the floor and there was a piece of broccoli on the floor and then I understood, that was where my third piece of broccoli went. Is that some kind of epiphany?

Esther: Oh Emmett!! That's just finding your piece of broccoli. An epiphany is something...profound!

Emmett: It sure seems to be!!

Esther: The church calls today

Epiphany Sunday.

Emmett: You mean...this has something to do with Jesus?

Esther: Yes...with the birth of Jesus and the magi.

Emmett: They're the ones who brought the fancy gifts, right?

Esther: Right ...gold, myrrh and frankincense.

Emmett: Did they also bring some ep..if...any?

Esther: Epiphany...they had an epiphany. They saw a star rise and realized that someone special had been born, so they travelled to Bethlehem and discovered God's love in the world in an infant.

Emmett: So that was an ....epiphany....how'd I do?

Esther: You've got it!

Emmett: Maybe my epiphany is learning how to say epiphany!

Esther: Did you know that the person who wrote the gospel of John starts his story of Jesus by talking about the birth of Jesus in a different way?

Emmett: Really...how?

Esther: John's gospel begins by saying that the Word became flesh.

Emmett: That's neat...but I don't get it!

Esther: Well, a word is what we use to say something, so if Jesus is a word from God, then Jesus tells us something that God wants us to know.

Emmett: Kind of like an epiphany!!

Esther: Right...Jesus tells us that God loves us. But we don't use just words to tell things – we use paintings, drawings, sculptures...

Emmett: I once made a heart out of play dough to say that I loved everyone at our Messy Church get together.

Esther: Good for you. So maybe Jesus tells us about God's love, and maybe a sunset tells us that God loves this world, and maybe a bird singing tells us about God's joy...

Emmett: And maybe a penguin tells us about God's sense of humour...(Esther looks at Emmett)...well, I think they walk kind of funny!

Esther: So, when I am looking for an epiphany, I am looking for anything and everything to tell me about God and God's love.

Emmett: I think I'll look too. You know, I have a feeling this is a good day for an epiphany!

Esther: Every day is a good day for an epiphany. AMEN

Emmett: Amen.