

Esther and Emmett – April 18

Esther: Hi Emmett. Would you like to play a game?

Emmett: Sure Esther, I'd love to play a game. What game do you want to play?

Esther: How about 'I spy'?

Emmett: 'I spy with my little eye'! Great choice I love that game.

Esther: Okay. I spy with my little eye...something...that is...hmmm...kind of orange and kind of yellow...

Emmett: Kind of orange and kind of yellow? That's a tough one...is it a bowl of fruit?

Esther: No...but it is on top of your head!

Emmett: On top of my head (feels on top of his head)...wait...is it my hair?

Esther: Yes, it's your hair.

Emmett: Okay, I've got one (looks at Esther's hair). I spy with my little eye something that is ...kind of red and kind of orange!

Esther: Is it my hair?

Emmett: Wow! You're good at this game!

Esther: Okay, my turn...this one may be a little tricky.

Emmett: Is it my hair?

Esther: No. I spy, with my little eye, something that is...from God!

Emmett: Something that is from God?...something that is from God?...are you allowed to ask that...aren't there some rules to this game?

Esther: I spy with my little eye, something that is from God. Go ahead, give it a try.

Emmett: Hmmm, okay. Well, hmmm, let's see...how about a tree?

Esther: That's good. Trees are part of God's creation. How about something else...

Emmett: Something else...something else...how about...broccoli?

Esther: That's good. It's good for us to eat.

Emmett: Yeah, and it's green!...I like green. Okay, how about you try: I spy with my little eye, something that is from God.

Esther: That's easy...You.

Emmett: Huh...me!

Esther: Yes, because everyone is a child of God. God loves everyone. So when I see you, I see someone God loves – someone who is a gift from God to the world.

Emmett: Ah, that's nice. Wait...ask me the God one again.

Esther: Okay...I spy with my little eye, something that is from God.

Emmett: YOU!

Esther: Ah, thank you Emmett. And I spy the mask you are wearing, which means you are trying to keep everyone safe and healthy. You care about others and caring about others is from God!

Emmett: This is a neat way to play the game. How did you come up with this idea?

Esther: I got it from Jesus. He taught it to his disciples.

Emmett: Jesus played 'I spy' with his disciples.

Esther: Well, sort of. The resurrected Jesus helped his disciples understand how God was with Jesus during all the things that happened to him.

Emmett: Like when he got arrested, and put on the cross, and then rose again!

Esther: Yes...and Jesus said that his disciples were 'witnesses' of all those things.

Emmett: Witnesses...you mean like people in a court case?

Esther: Yes. Witnesses are asked to tell what they saw.

Emmett: That's right...so witnesses really say, "I spy with my little eye..."

Esther: I spy with my little eye...Jesus loving people in the world.

Emmett: Say, we could play this all the time. We just have to look for God's love in the world!

Esther: Yes, and then say "I spy with my little eye, something that is ...from God!"

Emmett: This sounds like fun. I'm going to try this today!

Esther: You can play eye spy and be a witness for Jesus loving people. You can say, " I see Jesus. I see God."...then you can say 'amen'.

Emmett: Amen!