

Children's sermon: August 9, 2020
"Where does Jesus live?"

Remember last week??????
Fred and all his friends are excited about Jesus coming into town.

Jesus welcomes them and blesses them.
As Jesus is leaving last week ... he shouts out to everyone:
"SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY!!"

Well ... it's next Sunday. Fred and his goofy buddies are waiting.
Somebody does show up ... but it's not Jesus.
Look ... it's a big ol' shoe. And everyone knows who this is ...
it's MR. SHOEMACHER.
They call him "the big SHOE"!!!!

Yes, Mr. "Shoe" has been around a long time.
He's old. He's fun. He is kind. He is gentle.
He's the kind-of guy who just makes you feel good by hanging around him.
As soon as he shows up "shoes" of all shapes and sizes gather around him.
Sandals. Wing-tips. Slippers. Baby shoes. Running shoes.

All these shoes and buddies of Fred are wondering: "Where is Jesus?"

Listen. It's the "voice" again. The voice that never goes away ----
FLAT JESUS!!!!!!

You again???
Yes ---- me again!!!

Jesus smiles.
Yes, I'm back but I never really left.
Remember what I say to you ... again and again ----- I live inside the heart-and-soul
of each one of you. Especially in people like Mr. Shoemaker.
• His kindness and generosity ----- so Jesus-like!!
Take a look inside the BIG SHOE.

My friends ... let's gather around.
Look inside the soul of Mr. Shoe.
Wow ----- it's Jesus on the cross.

Flat Jesus leaves ... Mr. Shoemaker smiles.
Kids ... when you live ... knowing Jesus is in your heart ... what a difference it makes!!
We know "flat Jesus" will be back.
And Mr. Shoe ----- we need you. We hope you will come back, too.