

Children's sermon: August 23, 2020

"Bubbles and forgiveness"

How about this????

Little Geic and his friend Patty are still here talking. Remember last week? ... they were wondering if miracles really happen.

Then our buddy "Flat Jesus" appears ... and he takes Fred's water and turns it into wine. And more important than the wine-thing ... Flat Jesus makes "ordinary Fred" feel really special!!

Geic and Patty just listened to the gospel lesson about forgiveness.

Geic looks at Patty "Speaking of forgiveness. Remember that girl in our 7th grade class??? Can't remember her name. We made fun of her. She dressed differently ... she did things like sing Christmas songs in the summer ... summer songs at Christmas. She was unique and instead of enjoying her ... we made fun of her."

Patty responds ... "I haven't thought about this for a long time. Can't remember her name. Even her name was different."

Geic looks around. And what does he see? ----- well, it's the toy I am passing out today. Let's see what it is. Hey, it's a thing where you stick this into the liquid. Take it out ... wave it ... bubbles galore!!

"That's it ..." says Geic ... "We all called her BUBBLES."

Patty responds ... "I wonder where Bubbles is now? What is she like? Is she ok? Would she ever forgive us???"

Kids ----- do you hear music?

I do.

I think it's a Christmas song.

"Geic ... Patty ----- it's me. I'm back."

They turn around. It's Bubbles.

"Oh, my gosh. It is you. You look as crazy as ever!@!! We mean ---- a good kind-of crazy. We were so mean ... so stupid. Can you ever forgive us??"

Bubbles smiles. "Well ----- I will never forget how much the name-calling hurt back then. But, yes ----- I FORGIVE YOU. Hey, we all have to move on!!"

"Forgiveness" is pretty powerful stuff.

We could use a lot more of it in our world today.

Bubbles and Geic and Patty know it AND WE KNOW IT, TOO!!