

Children's sermon: August 30, 2020

**"Seeing with your heart"**

Little Geic and Patty ----- they sure like to talk about people. They have a tendency to make fun of those who are different. I mean ----- down deep inside they are good kids. They just need to open up and be a bit more understanding. "Flat Jesus" (who is still here) is working on them.

Today Geic and Patty are talking about Renaldo.

Renaldo is coming to school today ----- and they are wondering: "How can Renaldo be in our class? He is blind. He can't see. How is that going to work???"

Well ----- Geic and Patty have this idea. There is a student ..... you can see him over there ----- everyone calls him "Mr. Pumpkin." He is different ..... he is unique ..... kind-of fun, at times.

"So ----- when Renaldo gets here ... let's introduce him to Mr. Pumpkin ... and see what happens."

See Flat Jesus over there????

He is smiling ... saying to himself: "I can't wait to see this."

Yes --- sometimes even Jesus likes to be surprised!!

So, let's meet Renaldo. Here he is ----- walking cane and all. And, by the way ---- a pretty snappy dresser ... with his NIKE sweat-suit and all.

Patty and Geic don't hesitate. "There is someone we'd like you to meet."

Renaldo smiles ---- "Are you talking about Mr. Pumpkin???"

How did you know??? Hey ... I can "see" what you are trying to do!!"

Renaldo goes over to Mr. Pumpkin.

"Nice to "see" you"!!!! Mr. Pumpkin smiles back: "Nice to meet you .... but ---- you can't really see me."

"You'd be surprised at how well I SEE!!"

It's quiet for a minute ... then Renaldo speaks to Mr. Pumpkin.

"I SEE you are a very unique person. I SEE that you are very kind ..... very generous ..... and I SEE, too, that you like all kinds of people."

Mr. Pumpkin responds ----- "How do you know this about me?"

Geic chimes in: "How do you see all that?? ..... you are blind."

Flat Jesus can't contain himself.

"Patty and Geic ... you have a lot to learn. But you are getting there. SEEING is not just about your eyes. It's about your HEART and SOUL. Renaldo may not be able to see like we do ----- but: HE SEES WITH HIS HEART. I like to say ----- HE HAS JESUS EYES!!"

My friends ----- to see is to feel ... and to love ... and to understand.

I think Renaldo will do just fine in school.

And you and me??? We are lucky ... most of us can "see" with our eyes.

Seeing with our heart ----- this makes our "seeing" even better.

Love you all!!