

Children's sermon: June 9, 2019

"Bubbles of peace"

Remember "little Geico" here????

Cute little guy, isn't he???

He loves his great-grandpa ... who is about 95 years old. And he's always wanted to ask him a question.

But --- he's been afraid to ask it UNTIL NOW!@!!

"Grandpa ... I know you are a Marine ... a proud veteran of World War II.

But how come you never talk about it??"

Silence.

After a while ... Great-grandpa Fred begins to speak.

"I guess I should tell you about it. 75 years ago. I wasn't even 20 years old. Thousands of us landed on the Normandy beach. We call it D-Day today ... the Battle of Normandy ... it was time for this war to be over. 1000's of my fellow-soldiers were killed.

I don't know how or why ... but I survived.

Sacrificing our lives ... so you and your buddies can grow-up in peace and freedom.

I will never forget what happened.

During the war ... at the end of a long day ... I would pull out one of these.

This is why they call me "Bubbles."

Watch me. I dip this into the magic liquid ... bubbles go up in the air ... and I dream that one day the world will be at peace. Yes ---- BUBBLES OF PEACE!!"

Geico smiles.

GRANDPA ... I AM SO PROUD OF YOU!@!!

"Geico ... I have a song for you." Written by Merchant Marine, who was at Normandy. 25 years after D-Day Jim Radford went back to Normandy. He saw kids playing on the very beach where so many of his comrades lost their lives. He was so moved by seeing those kids ... that he wrote this song: "The Shores of Normandy."

As the song is played, my young friends ... please come up here to the "table of peace."

Your very own bubble-maker ... and ----- a band for your wrist.

Oh don't open this bubble-maker 'til after church ... ok????

I love you all.

Geico ---- thanks for getting Great-grandpa Fred to talk about his service.

And Fred???? ----- thanks for the GIFT OF FREEDOM!@!!

And to our God above ----- please keep watchin' over us!!

We need you more than ever!!

Bubbles, anyone??