

Children's sermon: November 17, 2019

"Bubbles"

See these lights strung across the altar rail????

Bubble lights. I think you have to be 75 year old to remember bubble lights on your tree. I was reminiscing about these lights to someone ... so, they went out and found some ... now they are here -----it's one of those kids' sermons: I've got the prop ... but not sure the point of my story is!!

Actually ... this string of light has a name. Her name is BUBBLES. When she was younger ... she always had a smile. She would walk into a room ... and the room would light-up. She was very "bubbly" ... so, everyone started calling her BUBBLES.

Something is going on with Bubbles this year. She seems kind-of sad. She has gone through a lot: her long-time dog died ... a couple of her kids moved out-of-town, and she misses them.

She lives alone ... so, during the holidays ... she gets a little depressed and lonely. It's like her spirit is un-plugged. Ooooooops ---- her light goes out ... the bubbles stop.

Well, this morning ... Bubbles crosses paths with this character. She is pink ... very smiley ... Bubbles wonders ---- who are you????

The stranger smiles: My name is "Amazing Grace" ... and I've come to help bring back your "bubbly spirit."

Well --- Amazing Grace is AMAZING. She love to talk non-stop. Bubbles ---- there are so many people who have "held you up" all your life. They are kind-of like DUCK-TAPE. Look at all this tape holding you up!! I have come here to GIVE YOU A HAND. Just like this big ol' glove yes, this is God's hand. Holding you up ... keeping you together.

What a combination: God's hand ... and duck tape (the love of all your friends) ...

Here we go, Bubbles. We are plugging you back in. Your light will shine again. The bubbles are back.

Thanks to all those holding you up ... loving you, and caring about you. And thanks to God ----- yes, God's hand makes all this possible.

I hear the music of "Amazing Grace" in the background. Our little pink friend has come to the rescue. And for "Bubbles"?????? ----- life is good again!@!!

Now, I'm sure your friends at school will be asking you: "What was your Pastor Don's message yesterday in church????"

You can proudly pull out your very own roll of colorful duck tape. And ----- one of these BIG HANDS.

OK ----- don't look so excited!!
I love you.

Bubbles loves you, too!!