

Children's sermon: November 24, 2019

"Boys vs. Girls"?????

Thanksgiving ... big day at Uncle Ace's home.

Everyone in the family gathers. And before dinner???? ----- the guys have a rather intense football game. Oh, speaking of family gatherings ... how about an opening song??

You are too young, right?

Hey ... when I was younger ... I listened to this song almost every day.

Yes ---- the theme song from "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood" ----- "it's beautiful day in the neighborhood ..."

Well ... it doesn't feel like a "beautiful day" when Fred's sister Frieda comes up and announces:

"I want to play football, too."

The boys all laugh: "Girls don't play football!@!! ... leave us alone!!"

Kids --- what to you think?? Do girls play football??? ----- Frieda sure does!@!!

Fred and the boys look at Frieda ---- "OK ... you get a team together ... and we will play "boys against girls."

And ... the boys all laugh.

This isn't the way we were supposed to treat each other ... is it???

God teaches us about respect ... understanding ... love ... getting along ...

It sure doesn't take long ...

FRIEDA IS BACK with a bucket-full of teammates.

"OK ... WE ARE READY ... LET'S PLAY BALL!!!!!!!"

Fred is miffed. "Hey this isn't fair. You have twenty girls on your team ... we have only 10."

"Hey ---- I thought you said: GIRLS DON'T PLAY FOOTBALL. Brother ---- we are here to play."

UNCLE ACE ... the big red container over here in the corner. He hears the fighting and the bickering.

So, he has a few pre-game words for his nieces and nephews.

"Hey ---- enjoy the game. Try hard. Play to win. Give it your best.

But most of all ----- have some fun, and play with respect for each other.

After all ---- WE ARE FAMILY!!" (I feel another song coming our way!!)

So, as Fred and Frieda all pile into Ace's "LOVE BUCKET" ... please take one of these "Thanksgiving goofs" with you. The boys are here ... the girls over there. Any of you girls takin' a guy??? Boys takin' a girl???

Fine@!! ... be that way!!

How about saying the magic word ----- **"THANK-YOU"!!!!**