

Children's sermon: November 8, 2020

**"Heartland"**

"Jeremiah was a bullfrog" seems to like it here. Still sitting on top of his pumpkin friend ... talkin' and being nosey. Mr. and Mrs. Fred have been coming to church for a while. So, the other day Jeremiah comes up to them.

"Mr. and Mrs. Fred ---- do you have any kids??"

They are silent. Then Mrs. Fred looks at Jeremiah with her usual gentle smile.

"Yes, we a son named Franklin."

"But I've never seen him."

"Well ----- I need to tell you his story ..."

"Franklin is now three years old.

He was born with a very serious heart condition. We thought he was going to die. We brought him home for a while ... but he needed more care and attention than we could give him.

I had a dream ... maybe it was more than a dream.

FLAT JESUS APPEARS TO ME.

Tells me about a place in Boerne, Texas ----- Heartland Children's Home.

That's where Franklin lives now. They take such good care of him. We talk to them every day. Go see him every month. We miss him so much.

But God's angels at Heartland ----- they bring him so much comfort."

"How long will Franklin live???"

"It's in God's hands, Jeremiah.

But we know ..... his journey on this earth may not last very long.

But it's a journey of love and hope.

Franklin is blessed ... and so are we."

"My prayers are with you and Franklin."

"Thank-you. I would like you to meet our Heartland family.

Look at the screen up there, Jeremiah.

These are special people ... with a special song in their hearts:

AMAZING GRACE."

(dedicated to our Heartland family ..... loving you forever!!)