

Children's sermon: September 30, 2018

"Where is God??

Do you know where God lives???

One of the kids pops up with one word: EVERYWHERE!@!!

Well ... this is the answer ... YOU CAN GO BACK TO YOUR SEATS NOW!!

(just kidding ...)

Anyway ... this is an "almost true" story.

Here is me ... over 40 years ago. Thin. Hands folded. Praying like crazy!@!!

God, where are you???

Can't see you ... don't always feel you ... come on!@!! --- I need to know where you are!!

I'm a minister ... it's my job.

And then one day ... I meet Melody.

An amazing girl.

She has spina bifida. She spends a lot of time in her wheelchair. There are some days when she is strong enough to use her crutches. But ---- always smilin' ... always encouraging others ... doesn't let her disability stop her from going places and doing stuff.

One day she comes into the church ... sees me prayin' ...

She smiles at me: "Reverend ---- every time I see you ... you are prayin' like crazy. What's going on???"

I look at her: I'm praying to God wondering where God is.

MELODY shakes her head: Pastor Don ... you should know better.

What should I know??

You should know: GOD IS EVERYWHERE. ALL OVER THE PLACE.

In your heart. In mine. In the hearts and souls of all God's children ... and that includes you and me!!

You talk about this stuff on Sunday ...

now you gotta believe it yourself!@!!

Meeting Melody kind-of changed my life.

It's good to pray ... we need to ...

But ----- we don't have to find God ... God has already found us ----- and loves us!!

And, Melody ... in her own child-like way ... knows more than I do (which doesn't take much!!).

Her faith is simple ... and fresh ... and really makes a difference.

Now ... there are a whole lot of God's children hangin' around here.

"Somewhere ... out there." (I feel a song coming on!!)

You can get up ... walk around ... find one of God's children. When you find one of them ...

in way, you are discovering God.

LOVE YOU ALL!!