

Children's sermon: January 10, 2020

**"Having a ball with God"**

Fred the "doubting pumpkin head" is back.  
He has his doubts about this God-stuff. He starts walking on the altar rail ... and, of course,  
it's Sunday morning ... so, he bumps into our buddy FLAT JESUS.

"Flat Jesus ..." Fred begins ----- "I have no idea where to find God."

Jesus smiles ---- "Hey, you have me!@!!"

"But God the Father ... God the Lord of all ----- how can I find him??? Where is he???"

Jesus ---- you talk about God all the time!!"

I love it when Jesus talks ...

*Fred ... I can tell this has been bothering you.  
God wants to have some fun with you this morning.  
Are you up for a little game???*

Sure I am. But isn't God too busy with the big stuff to be playing a game with me??

*Yes, God's plate is pretty full. But he cares about each of his children.  
God just wants you to walk around. We know how much your church and minister like balls  
of all kinds. Every time you find a ball ... hold it up and shout AMEN. ok???*

ok ----- I'm walkin' ...

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Now ... you kids who are here ... let's help Fred.  
Walk around the church ... you should find some random balls in different places.  
When you find one ... hold it up so we all can see it. And, by the way ... when we are done here ...  
you can keep the ball!!

*"Hey, Fred ... Flat Jesus here ... how about all these balls.  
Wherever those balls are ----- THAT IS WHERE GOD IS!@!!"*

Fred chuckles: "God must be all over the place!!"

*Jesus smiles: "That's the point. How about a song ----  
SURELY THE LORD IS PRESENT IN THIS PLACE.  
Yes, he is with us ..... wherever we go, wherever we are."*

Fred looks at Jesus ... then looks up toward the heavens:  
"Good morning, God ---- I've had a BALL being with you today!!"