

Children's sermon: January 17, 2021
"The Bridge"

Do you remember the story about Moses leading his people to the "promised land"??
It took them 40 years to get there!@!! ----- can you imagine that??

Fred ... the little red shoe ... wants to find a "promised land."

He heard about the "tree of hope" ... which you can see is way over here.
It's a great place. In fact ... Al's pals hang on this tree all the time. They love it here.
It's a place of hope and peace. And ----- it took them 30 years to find this oasis of goodness.

Fred needs to find a new place.

Where he is now ... it's not safe. People make fun of him ... because he is so small.
He is bullied. In fact ---- one day he was mugged. He wants to escape. Except ... between him
and the "promised land" ... between him and the tree of hope ---- there are "troubled waters."
The water is deep. The water is rough.

Fred calls out to FLAT JESUS.

*Please help me, Jesus. I need to cross over. But --- the water is too deep for me. And I can't
wait 30 years to make it to the tree of hope ... to the promised land.*

Don't lose faith ----- proclaims flat Jesus.

There are some very special people coming your way!@!!

Sure enough.

Of all people ----- it's our friends from St. Coletta's.

Here they come. Remember these hats??

Speaking of 30 years. These hats say "30 years of love" ...

Yes, that's how long we have been friends. 30 years is a long time!!

30 years for Al's pals to get their promised land ---- the tree of hope.

Well --- these St. Coletta's developmentally disabled friends are going to make sure

Fred doesn't have to wait 30 years to get to the tree of hope,.

These hats line-up in the water: a bridge of hats over troubled waters!!

OK, Fred ... climb up on us ... we are your bridge over troubled waters .. you will arrive
at your promised land in no time!@!!!

Fred is so happy. Flat Jesus is smiling.

St. Coletta's ----- our "bridge over troubled waters."

Isn't there a song with that name.

TAKE IT AWAY, ZACH!@!!