

Children's sermon: January 9, 2022

"Where is Jesus?"

Grandpa Fred looks sad.

He is standing here next to his empty little Christmas tree.

"My gosh ----- all these Lutherans were here Monday to "de-decorate" ... and now all my ornaments are gone. My tree looks lonely and sad. I'm lonely and sad."

Our little elf friend Fred says to Grandpa Fred ----- "Don't be sad. Jesus is still here."

"Where is Jesus? I don't see him."

"Grandpa ... Jesus is all over the place. Even when you can't see him ... he is here@!!"

"Where?"

"In your heart. In your soul. In acts of kindness. It's like Flat Jesus has taught us -----
YOU JUST NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU WILL SEE ME!@!@!"

Grandpa Fred gets that look ...

"There is a better chance of a helicopter landing next to me than me seeing Jesus!!"

"Be careful what you ask for, Grandpa."

Do you kids hear something?

A motor running? A propellor? Look up ... way up ...

Wow: it's a helicopter.

I think it's going to land right next to Grandpa Fred.

Here it comes@!@!

"What is going on???" wonders Grandpa.

The helicopter speaks: "Hello, my name is Jesus a good friend of Flat Jesus."

"I thought there is only one Jesus."

"Kind-of. But ----- we have disciples and friends ... and we appear to people like you ...
who are sad and wonder if Jesus is REALLY REAL!@!!"

Grandpa Fred smiles.

"Well ... my tree might be empty ... but my heart is full.

A helicopter landing right next to me ... reminding me that Jesus
is always here."

Little Fred the elf can't help but shout "Amen"!!

Another day. Another miracle.