

Children's sermon: July 18, 2021  
**"Where is Myrtle??"**

Well ----- Goosie came to church today. Remember how scared she was last week???? ...  
and then she comes, and everyone welcomes her!!

Goosie and our wheelchair friend Fred are talking ... and Fred says:  
"I wonder where Myrtle is? ... and her husband Merl??? We haven't seen them ... it  
seems like forever."

Goosie looks worried.

"So true. They haven't been around. I know they are older ... and the pandemic has made them  
a bit afraid to be around people."

Fred starts to smile. Remember this hat Merl gave me??? I carry it with me all the time.  
It's green ----- just like Myrtle and Merl. It has the number 108 on it. Merl was funny when he gave  
it to me. He wanted us to guess what the number 108 stands for.

\*\*Is it the age when Pastor Don will retire?

\*\*Is it the number of times Don had us sing "Here I am, Lord" last year?

OR

\*\*Is it the number of stitches in a major league baseball?  
(Did you know there are that many stitches on one baseball???)

Yup ----- they are one funny couple.

Then Goosie and Fred hear Flat Jesus' voice.

"My friends ----- guess who just came through the door????

I would like you to meet ----- MYRTLE THE TURTLE ... and her husband MERL!!

Goosie and Fred are so relieved to see them.

Fred laughs at the two old green turtles: "It's about time you came out of your shell!!"  
(GROAN FROM THE CONGREGATION)

Kids ... I'm not sure what the point of this kids' sermon has been .... but I'm glad we found  
Myrtle and Merl.

Now ----- there are lots of friends hanging around here this morning. Please take  
one home with you.

And --- I hope to see you again ... when I am 108 years old!!