

Children's sermon: October 26, 2008

"MOJO"

Are you afraid of witches???? They are goofy creatures.
Actually ... witches are negative spirits. They come into your life ... and they try to get you to doubt yourself ... they try to get you NOT to try things you want to do ...
Here is a witch ... listen to her negative tones.

This fine smiley ball --- Fred --- is tempted to listen to the witch's voice.
Fred wants to try out for the Lincoln Way East soccer team. Some of his buddies (who listen to the witch) tell him ----- *Fred, you aren't good enough to make the team ... don't even bother.*
Fred also wants to be an artist.
Some of his so-called buddies get on him again ----- *What do you want to be an artist for???? ... you can't make much money drawing pictures!!*

This is "witch kind-of thinking" ... but there is a lot of it going around these days.
Look what happens when you start to doubt yourself ... when you stop trying ----- you begin to lose "your air" ... or as we call it in church circles ... you begin to lose your MOJO.
MOJO ----- it's an "inner something" that makes you YOU.
MOJO is about courage ... it's about trying again ... it's about giving something your very best shot.
But ... when you stop trying ... when you are afraid ... when you don't think you are "good enough" ----- like Fred here ... you get DEFLATED ... **THE MOJO COMES OUT ...**
And ----- you lose your "bounce."

What does Fred do when this happens?
Yes ----- he goes to the Mojo-store and buys a **MOJO-PUMP**.
This is no ordinary pump. It has a "needle of goodness" on it ... it plugs into your heart and soul ...
And ---- when you stop listening to the witch ...
when you stop listening to your so-called "friends" who don't think you are good enough ...
YOUR MOJO ----- IT COMES BACK!!

"Mojo" is God's gift to you.
It's God's gift to everyone.
It's unique.
It's special.

DON'T EVER LET ANYONE TAKE IT AWAY FROM YOU!!

Want some "mojo"???? ... here's your very own bouncy ball.