

Children's sermon: November 9, 2008

"The Holy Rollers"

Do any of you know a "holy roller"??? ... someone in your family???
Well ... a "holy roller" is someone who thinks he/she knows everything??? ----- do you know someone like this??? ... ok, you better keep the name to yourself.

Holy rollers live in mail-boxes ... did you know this?
They keep the door shut ... 'cause they don't want anyone different to move in.
There's a bunch of holy rollers in this green mailbox ... and everything seemed to be ok ... until another group of holy rollers moved into town ----- and they were all crammed into a grey mailbox.
This is why you don't see green and grey mailboxes on your street ... they just don't like each other.

The "green box holy rollers" think they have all the answers.
The "grey box holy rollers" also think they have all the answers.
So, tension fills the air!!

Something has to give here. This is not the way Jesus wants us to live. Nobody has all the answers.
We need to learn from each other and listen to one another.
What do we need? Whom do we need?
My young friends ... do you remember the "pinch of peace" from last year? How they came into your heart and helped you be more gentle?

Well -- the "pinches of peace" have cousins. They are:
"airplanes of LOVE"!!

And when they see and hear "holy rollers" and all their narrow opinions ...
when they see people closing their doors and being afraid to be with others ...
when they hear nasty words ...
when they see places and people who "need the love" ...

LOOK ----- THEY FLY INTO TOWN ...
they fly into your hearts ...
they knock on your doors ...
they "fling open" the doors ... they fling open your hearts and spirits ...
and NOW, finally ---- we can see who is inside these mailboxes.

Look. They are round ... they roll ... they are different colors ... each one is unique ...
but, in many ways: they are the same.

These "airplanes of love" teach all these goofs a lesson or two:
You don't have to be afraid.
You don't have to close your door or your heart to others.
All of us can live in different colored mailboxes and get along!!

For each of you ... you get your very own "holy roller." Now ... if they start to get too opinionated ... if they don't open their hearts to others ... THEN you share with them your very own "airplane of love."
It's all about love today.

And for each of you ... a bonus: two gifts!!@