

Children's sermon: August 23, 2009
"Umbrella of love"

Are you excited about school starting this week???

Fred has a little brother --- Felix ... and he is NOT excited about school beginning.
In a way ... we can't blame him. He has trouble with a lot of the subjects in school ... so, he needs extra help.
Felix is a bit "different" ... he marches to his own "drummer" ... and because of this,
some of the kids make fun of him.

So, today ... Felix is afraid.
He tries to talk to God about it ... and he is not sure God is listening.
"God ... why do others make fun of me? Why am I different?
Why is school so hard for me?"

This morning ... Felix gets to the bus stop early ... he is so nervous.
And ----- he hears a voice ... deep inside his soul. Who is it? ... he wonders.
Good morning, my friend ... this is God.
Yes, it's me. I know you sometimes wonder if I listen and hear you ... well, I do.
I can't always do what you want ... or give you everything ... but --- I am always with you.
I'm kind-of like a spiritual umbrella ... I try to shield you from what can hurt you.
So, every morning ... my friend ... when you are at the bus stop ... I will be here, too.
Hop into my gentle love bucket ... look up at my umbrella ... and know:
I AM WITH YOU ... EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!!
I love you, Felix ... always will ... every moment of every day.

Felix is amazed. God is talking to me.
I can hear God in my heart.

Felix goes to school every day.
Sure ... he has a few problems ... and sometimes he gets a bit hurt and sad.
But ----- he's got some buddies ... he has a love bucket and spiritual umbrella ...
and ... an INCREDIBLE GOD who loves him.

I have a present for you.
Yes --- your very own umbrella.

Remember what it stands for .