

Children's sermon: December 13, 2009
"The priceless DOLLAR"

Remember what a tough day Santa had last Sunday??? ... and you helped him out.
Today it's Mickey and Minnie Mouse. Here they are ... trying to dance ... but ----- notice how slow they are dancing. There doesn't seem to be much joy in their hearts.

Mickey asks Minnie ... what's wrong? ... what's bothering you???

On the outside they look so festive ---- with their Christmas outfits and all!!
Then Minnie begins to talk ...

*"Mickey ... I know we are famous ... and, in some ways, people think we are rich.
Cartoons, Disney World, Christmas programs ...
But just once ... I wish someone would come up to us and say: I LOVE YOU.
Just once ... I'd like to have one dollar of my own ... so I could take that dollar and give it
to someone else ... just once ..."*

Then Minnie got really quiet again.

Ever heard of St. Lucia? Today is December 13th ---- it's Santa Lucia Day!! It's gets Swedish people all excited ... and that's not easy to do!@!!

Now I thought St. Lucia is Swedish. Then I find out ... St. Lucia is Italian ... and we Swedes just "adopted" her. Those ITALIANS ----- THEY ARE ALL OVER THE PLACE!@!!

Anyway ... I guess St. Lucia gave all her money to the poor ... people didn't like it ... they burned her or something like that ... but she never dies!@!!

Maybe Mickey and Minnie need a little "St. Lucia" spirit.

O, my gosh. Look over there IT IS ST. LUCIA.
She is beautiful. Candles in her hair ... and she has something in her hand.
"Please ... come over here ... Mickey and Minnie would love to see you!!"

St. Lucia comes up to Minnie.
She smiles: "I love you, Minnie ... here is a gift for you."
It's a cookie tin. Minnie opens it. Inside there are a couple cookies and a one dollar bill.
Minnie starts to cry ... so does Mickey.

"Merry Christmas to you and all your friends here."
Then in a flash ... St. Lucia is gone.

My friends ----- I have a little tin for you. Inside you will find a dollar. Now, if you'd like ... after church, you can go to the festive "Christmas table" ... exchange your dollar for some cookies ... and then your dollar will help someone in need.
MY LORD, WHAT A MORNING!!