

Children's sermon: July 25, 2009

"Lucille"

How about this song? "Lucille" by Kenny Rogers.

"You picked a fine time to leave me, Lucille."

LUCILLE ---- WHAT A LADY!! Over 70 years old ... and she still takes care of people who can't take care of themselves. Lots of these young people feel like a "fish out of water" ... but not in Lucille's world!@!!

She loves them.

Makes them feel special.

Reminds them ----- we are all God's children!!

And when she comes to church with her St. Coletta's crew ---- you can hear lots of "amen's" !!

Lucille left us this week. She's been sick ... and now she's in God's everlasting "heaven."

FRED is so sad.

He stays in his room ... won't say anything oh, HE MISSES LUCILLE!!

My friends ... what can we do for Fred??

I think there's something we can ... or at least encourage Fred to do.

See this container ... it has a lid on it.

Inside this container are two little balls ----- those are Fred's FEELINGS!!

Right now ... Fred is keeping all his feelings inside.

This lid ... it's tight ... the feelings won't come out.

You gotta let your feelings out ... right????

If you are sad ... YOU GOTTA BE SAD!!

If you are happy ... YOU GOTTA BE HAPPY!!

If you think my sermons are too long ... you gotta get your feelings out!@!!

It's ok to cry ... to get angry at the right time ... to shout "amen" when you are happy.

You see this? ... it's a grip.

God takes his gentle hand ... grips the lid ... says to Fred: "You gotta get a grip on yourself!!"

And WOW!! ----- THE LID COMES OFF!@!

Listen ... Fred is speaking ... he is sharing ... his is talking ... he is letting his feelings out!!

Life is full of all kinds of things ... lots of stuff happens to each of us ...

And ----- it's important not to keep your feelings inside!!

When you are tempted to keep everything inside ... God's gentle hand will guide you ...

and ----- his hand "will twist off the top" ... so you can LET IT ALL OUT!!

And for you today? ----- your very own grip ... and your very own container ...

remember: don't put the lid on too tight!!