

Children's sermon: March 8, 2009

"Right Field"

Are you excited about baseball ... softball ... spring training????

I've got my bat ready ...

So ... a question for you ----- WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT POSITION ON A BASEBALL TEAM?

pitcher?

first base?

Well ... I have a song about the most important position:

The name of the song? ---- "RIGHT FIELD."

Who sings it????? ---- yes ... Peter, Paul, and Mary.

Big game today ... Wayne Dierick's White Sox ... against the All Saints FISH.

With the rain today ... it's a good day to be a fish.

The White Sox are so much better than the Fish ... bigger, stronger ... but ----- it's the last inning ...

and the Fish are winning by one run!@!!

Of course ... everyone wants the coach to keep the best players in the game. But ----- Fred hasn't played yet. And there is one rule at All Saints that never gets broken.

In any game ... no matter what the score is ... no matter how close the game is ---

EVERYBODY PLAYS!!

So, the coach puts Fred into right field for the last inning.

You should hear some of the kids complain ... but then they remember: yup, "we are all in this together" ... "everyone plays" ... "no one person is more important than the other."

Fred swims out to right field ... after all, he is a fish.

And he is thinking about everything ----- except the game of baseball.

He thinks about his girl friend ... Sunday School ... how his pet turtle is doing.

He is smiling, picking flowers, gazing into the sky.

So, when the final ball is hit deep to right field ... Fred doesn't even notice it.

Besides ... he has no hands (only fins ... he is a fish!) ... his glove is lying on his head

Everyone is screaming ----- "Fred ... the ball is coming your way!@!!"

AND ---- PLOP!!

The ball falls into his glove. He saves the day.

Or ... maybe God saved the day.

The catch is a miracle.

But ... the most important miracle is this.

In God's world ... everyone is important. On God's team ... everyone plays.

As you grow up, my friends be a good sport. Win or lose ---- everyone needs to be a part of the team.

Now ... I always want you to be a "hit" with your friends ... so, as you leave and go back to your seats ...

here is your very own bat.

Oh, and remember: RIGHT FIELD ----- *the most important position of all!!*