

Children's sermon: November 15, 2009

**"Drums in the dollar store"**

We haven't talked too much about Fred's early childhood. He and his family ... they don't have much money. Fred has always dreamed of playing drums in a band. He would like some for Christmas ... but he knows the money just isn't there.

So, one day ... Fred gets this brilliant idea.

He goes to the dollar store and buys some buckets.

Here are the buckets ... let's spread them around ... turn them upside down ... and now we have 12 drums.

He goes into the garage ... and he finds some long-thin pieces of wood.

He cuts them into small pieces ... and what do we have now????? ----- DRUMSTICKS!!

In fact ... we have enough of them so each of you can have two!!

A little background music is always good.

I have a song ----- "Waiting on the world to change" ... we'll start the music ... and please join in and play your new drums.

Keep playing ... this sounds good. Listen ... the people in church this morning are certainly enjoying your music. Look at Fred ----- he is smiling!@!!  
New drums ... good music ... a fine band ... all of you together.

Too often ... we just sit around ----- "waiting for the world to change."

Well ... the world may not change.

Often times ----- we have to make some changes.

Right now ... Fred can't change the fact that he and his family don't have much money.

So, what does he do? ----- he makes the best of it.

He makes his own drums ... he makes his own drumsticks ... he invites you to be his BAND!!

And together ... we make *beautiful music*.

God gives you the spirit and the courage to make changes.

Maybe we can't change everything we'd like ... but we can make some "small changes" in our lives and the lives of others.

I have some FRIENDS back here.

They are a lot like Fred. They don't have much "material stuff" ... but they have a lot of HEART!!

Please ... take one of these friends home with you ... and maybe together ---- you can make a few changes!