

Children's sermon: October 25, 2009

**"Tribute to Soupy Sales"**

Fred is a bit sad this morning ... his great-grandpa died.  
Died this week at the age of 82. Do you know who he is????? ... pie in the face ... crazy humor ... on  
television years ago ... YUP: SOUPY SALES.  
This is the "Soup-ster" when he was young ..... always joking, smiling.  
As he got older ... well, he got less famous.

It happens to a lot of us. We have trouble "getting older."  
Maybe it's because we're not as famous ... or we can't do everything we used to ... or people don't seem to  
know us or recognize us as much.  
It's happening to Soupy, too.

It was just a few weeks before he died.  
Soupy Sales is alone at home ... feelin' kind-of sorry for himself ... and a bunch of kids start coming  
over ----- one by one.  
And where are they from? ----- ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH.  
Kids like you.

They gather around Soupy.  
They build him up ... they bring that magic smile back to his face ...  
and they sing their favorite song. Here ---- listen!!  
Do you know the name of the song???? ... who sings it????  
Ingrid Mickelson ----- "Be OK" ...

The kids from our church are telling Soupy ----- it's OK to be who you are today.  
It is ok, my friends ... it's ok to be 4 years old ... it's ok to be 84 ...  
it's ok to be young ... or old ... or anything in between.  
It's ok TO BE WHOEVER GOD WANTS YOU TO BE ... AND WHAT YOU WANT TO BE ...  
*as long ----- as you are kind, and gentle, and sharing, and loving to yourself and the world around you!!*

Now ... take one of these fine little friends with you ... these little goofs are a gift from me to you!!

And ... just in case you forget whom this little story is about ...  
I have for you ----- YOUR VERY OWN CAN OF SOUP!!  
... in honor of "Soupy Sales."