

Children's sermon: September 20, 2009
"Spiritual germs"

Do you guys worry about germs? How about "spiritual germs"????

These are the kinds of germs that spread when ----- you say something bad about another person ... when you don't share ... when you make fun of someone ... when you shut somebody out of your life or group because he/she is different.

Mary ... from Peter, Paul, and Mary ... she died this week.

Ironically ---- "Puff the magic dragon" came to Fred's church a couple weeks ago. Puff is looking for place where he is loved and accepted. But ... when he came to Fred's church ... well, Fred and his buddies made fun of Puff. Puff is big ... a little clumsy ... a different color.

And poor Puff ----- the last thing he needs is for church people to shut him out!@!!

Puff leaves ... in tears.

Guess what he does? He finds a place where he can be baptized and then confirmed.

He feels so good. He feels blessed and loved.

And Fred and his friends????? ---- they are ashamed and embarrassed.

Why did they shun him?

Why did they make fun of him?

It's against everything their church stands for!@!!

Well ... they find Puff ... they invite him back ... they apologize.

And ----- PUFF FORGIVES THEM.

"Thank-you ..." he says ... "thanks for loving me!!"

Sometimes we learn the hard way.

Often we grow from our mistakes.

When we hurt others ... we really hurt ourselves and the world because:

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!!

Puff the magic dragon ... lives by the sea ...he frolics in the autumn mist ...

He frolics now ... in a church that loves him ... and he loves them back!!

And just in case you need a reminder of what our story is about ... I have for you:

SOME OF PUFF'S MAGIC HAND CREAM.

It sanitizes.

It cleans.

It gets rid of those "spiritual germs" that often hurt others.

Please use it ... it's all about love!!