

Children's sermon: September 27, 2009  
"Now you have FANS"

Goofy is a lot of fun in cartoons ...and he makes us laugh .  
But ... do you know? .... he's a very lonely dog.

When he's not working ... well, he's helping others.  
LOOK AT THESE ... KNOW WHAT THEY ARE? ... THEY ARE **SAD-SACKS!!**

Yup ... when you are grumpy and sad ... this is what you look like.  
And GOOFY????? ... whenever he sees a sad-sack ... he takes time to be with them.

He talks to them.

He loves them.

He brings a bit of joy into their lives.

**THIS IS WHAT ALL OF US SHOULD DO .... IT'S WHAT JESUS WANTS US TO DO!!**  
The problem is ... we are so selfish most of the time ... we don't think about how others feel.

At the end of the day ... Goofy goes home ... and ----- he's all alone.

He doesn't seem to have any friends.

He makes us laugh ... he's famous for his cartoons ... but ----- he really doesn't have any FANS.

I bet you have fans ... people who like you.

Oprah has lots of fans.

Sponge Bob has lots of fans.

But Goofy??????? ... he feels so alone.

Well ... this morning ... when Goofy comes to church ... things begin to change.

Remember all those "sad-sacks" ... well, they aren't sad any more.

Look at them now ----- they are bright, full of color, and HAPPY.

And they all come up to Goofy and say:

*"GOOFY ... COME HERE ... LOOK AT US NOW.*

*THANKS TO YOU ... WE ARE NO LONGER A BUNCH OF SAD-SACKS.*

*LET'S SIT TOGETHER IN CHURCH ...*

*WE ARE YOUR **BIGGEST FANS!!**"*

How about this? ... Goofy does have fans.

Fans who love him ... fans who care about what he has done for them.

How about you, my friends??

Love one another.

Care for each other.

Reach-out to people who need some hope.

And ----- you will have lots of FANS ... for all the right reasons!!

Now ... for you ... a gift ... a reminder of today's lesson:  
**your very own FAN!!**