

Children's sermon: April 18, 2010  
"The string"

My friends ... you've asked for LIVE MUSIC ... so, today we have it!!  
We are going to sing the song ... "Bind us together, Lord" ... now ----- come on up ... grab onto this nice  
long string ... and we're going to march around the church.  
I don't mean to "string you along" ... but it is kind-of fun being together like this.

I'd like you to meet Fred's mom ----- Matilda.  
She's been a bit sad lately. So many of the people she loves the most ... **THEY ARE MOVING!!**  
\*\*Even Fred. He's going to college ... way out in New York.  
\*\*Her best friend ... whom she's known since grade school ... she and her family just moved  
to Colorado.  
\*\*Her daughter got a job in Los Angeles. A kid in New York, one in California ... is that about  
a million miles away?????  
\*\*She has a brother ... way up in Minnesota ... it's been almost a year since they've been together.

So, Matilda is feelin' kind-of alone.

One of her neighbors invites Matilda to her church. It's a church where the minister "says the same thing" every  
Sunday ----- things like: "we're all in this together."

Now ... what church could this be???

So, she goes to church ... hears a message about "being in this thing called life together" ... she hears the  
prayers ... she feels something special inside ... and then begins to realize:

*Yes, I feel lonely at times ...*

*Yes, I miss my family and friends ...*

*But ---- I AM NEVER ALONE.*

**THEY LOVE ME. I LOVE THEM. GOD LOVES ME.**

*"We are in this together."*

These little houses up here??????? ... they may be far apart ... but this "string of love" you were holding onto a  
few minutes ago ----- it ties all these houses together.

They are bound together ---- with love.

Matilda ... Fred ... her daughter ... her brother ... her friend ----- all bound together by God's love and their  
love for each other.

Would you like your very own "house of love"????  
Here's one for each of you ----- enjoy!@!! ... with love.