

Children's sermon: August 8, 2010
"Bad day????? live strong!!"

Any of you having a bad day?
How can you? you are here ... where it's all about LOVE!@!!

Fred's brother ... remember him from last week? ... yes, his brother GOOBER.
Well ... Goober is having a bad day.

He just got his driver's license ... and ----- his mom let him have the car to drive all by himself.

He went to get a gallon of milk.

And what happens? ----- he bumps into another car. Nothing serious ... but first time out alone in the car,
and he dents his parents' car.

He comes home ... plays some softball with his buddies in the back yard ... and what does Goober do?????-----
he hits the ball right through the family room window!@!!

Goober has nice parents ... but they are getting a little frustrated with him!!

So, Goober decides to play some pool in the basement with his friends ... and every time he hits the balls ...
the 8-ball goes in the pocket first.

EVERYONE HAS BAD DAYS ... AND GOOBER THINKS he is having the worst
day of his life.

Now ... everyday ... he gets up ... stays in his room ... and he looks like this.

Goober is already sensitive about his long nose ...

He doesn't like the way he looks ...

But when you are sad ... and don't like yourself ... and stay in your room all day -----
well ... you'll never look very good to anyone!@!!

I'd like you to meet Goober's grandpa. Grandpa Goober they call him.

Here he is.

He's not really an attractive man. But ----- he likes himself ... he likes who he is.
Grandpa Goober knows each of us is unique ... and beauty is something that lives inside of you.

So, today ... Grandpa goes over to visit his grandson Goober.

Knocks on his door.

Hey, Goober ... you've had some bad days. You are "down" on yourself.

By the way ... the car will be fixed. Breaking windows??? ... hey, stuff happens.

And ----- I love your nose!@!! ... it's got style.

God loves you ... I love you ... and look at me!@! ----- I'm no prize ... but I, like you, am unique & special.

*I have something for you ----- a beeeeoootiful yellow band. Use it as a head-band ... hang it on your
nose. And most important: WEAR THE MESSAGE ON YOUR HEART.*

*Look ... this yellow band says: **LIVE STRONG – WITH HOPE.***

It's what we have to do everyday.

Goober is feeling better now. Thanks to Grandpa and his special yellow band.

Here's one for you.

Wear it with pride ... but most of all: BELIEVE THE MESSAGE.