

Children's sermon: December 5, 2010
"Duck tape and world peace"

So, let's talk about religion this morning!@!!
What are some different religions???? Yes, we have Christians ... that's us.
How about Jesus' religion??? ----- he was Jewish.
Islam. Buddhist.
Ok ----- the Christians are over here ... they are the yellow rope.
The Jews ... over here ----- the blue rope. Islam ---- green. Buddhists ---- red.
Different religions ... different colors.

Over here ... on this stump ... is Fred's good buddy JESSE. Can you believe it??? ... Fred is at Disney World this week. But ----- Jesse is here. And ----- Jesse the bell is STUMPED!@!!
Jesse wiggles, jumps up and down ... he shakes himself ... but Jesse the bell doesn't ring.
Bells are supposed to ring ----- they're supposed to RING WITH JOY.
But ... there is no joy inside Jesse.
Why? ----- because these religions aren't getting along. They don't seem to understand one another.

So ... let's ask each religion what they are praying for this week.
Christians ----- what are you praying for???? ... PEACE.
Those of you of the Islam faith ... what are you praying for???? ... PEACE.
Our Jewish neighbors ... what are you praying for??? ... PEACE.
And the Buddhists ---- also praying for PEACE.

Jesse wonders ... why can't we all get along. My gosh!@!! ... we all want the same thing!!

My friends ... you know what the secret to world peace is???
Yes ----- **DUCK TAPE!@!!**

Here it is.

Now ... you take the yellow rope (Christians) ... let's duck-tape it to the blue rope (Jews) ... tape this to the red rope (Buddhists) ... and attach yourselves now to the green rope (Islam) ...
OK ... ALL OF YOU GET UP AND GRAB SOME ROPE!@!!

Hey, do you hear music?? ... what a beautiful song ...
"Make me a channel of your peace"

Now ... finally ... Jesse the bell is RINGING!!
YES!@!!! ... when we don't work together, the bell is all clogged-up.
But ... when we discover that we all want what is best for the world ... most of all, peace ... the bell is un-clogged ... it rings ... and we all can live with and enjoy each other.

Jesus brings us together. Peace brings us together.
Duck-tape ----- keeps us together!@!!

Actually ... you and I ----- we are "spiritual duck-tape."
Let's all work for peace!@!!