

Children's sermon: July 11, 2010
"Spirit airlines"

What is the color of God's spirit?
I've been thinking a lot about pelicans lately.
They love to fly ... hunt fish ... they are so beautiful and free.

Fred lives in the gulf ... and he is hurting. He's full of oil ... he can't fly ... he's just lying there at the foot of the cliff. He's afraid he will never fly and fish again.

His friend Bob comes by ... stares down at Fred ... WHAT CAN I DO???
Alice sees Bob ... they both see Fred at the foot of the cliff ----- WHAT CAN WE DO????

As Bob and Alice stand there ... watching their friend Fred hurting ... they hear a song. LISTEN.
Yes ... it's "Colors of the Wind."

Who's singing it???? ----- a beeeeeoootiful multi-colored caterpillar.

Who are you? ... they ask.

My name is POCAHONTAS. I am the "color of God's spirit" ----- every color of the rainbow.

Can you help Fred, Pocahontas???

Not by myself ... but I have a partner!! ----- **SPIRIT AIRLINES!!**

WHO IS SPIRIT AIRLINES????? ... Alice and Bob are hopeful.
Pocahontas smiles: it's the power of God's spirit!@!!

My friends ... let's see what happens.

Very quietly ... a pure white AIRPLANE graces the sky.

It swoops down into the valley where Fred-the-pelican is lying.

For a moment ----- the world seems at peace ... hope is in the air ... and before you know it ... SPIRIT AIRLINES picks up Fred ... nestles him on her wing ... and they fly.

They fly.

They fly.

Until they hover gently over a "HUGE LOVE BUCKET."

You know all about love buckets ----- they bring us hope ... they spread the love ... and for Fred ... THERE IS HEALING.

Fred is flying again.

He is full of the spirit.

He has hope in his heart.

What color is God's spirit?? it's your color ... it's the colors of the rainbow ...
it's white and has wings!@!!

AND FOR YOU, MY FRIENDS your very own plane ... and a beautiful
POCAHONTAS THE CATERPILLAR.