

Children's sermon: July 4, 2010
"Cup – full AMERICA"

There's a lot of GOOFS in this country ... and ----- you and me are SOME OF THEM!@!!

Fred ... this little red-white-and-blue ball ----- he wants to find a place where he can
be FREE ... free to be!!

He finds a cup ... goes into the cup ... feels good ... and decides to make it his home.
He likes it ... he doesn't want to be alone.... but he only wants others who are just like him.

Along comes "Skeeeetch" the skate-board ...
He's looking for a place to live ... he sees the cup where Fred is living ... hops... skips ... tries
to get in ----- but NO ... he is not welcome. He bounces right out!!
Then "Smiley" the yellow man tries to get in --- NO WAY ... Fred has a lid on his cup!!
Millie the pink soccer ball ... she tries to get in ----- Fred kicks her out.
Renaldo the light green salamander ----- same thing ... he hops in ... gets bounced out.

Fred ---- why are you doing this????
Hey ... he responds ... unless you look like me ----- red, white, and blue ... I don't need you here.
WHAT KIND OF ATTITUDE IS THAT?????

Fred has a friend ... his name is QUIZNOS ----- you've heard of this name, right? ... he makes a "mean"
sub sandwich!!

But Quiznos is different ... he loves all kinds and types of goofs.
He goes up to Skeetch, and Smiley, and Millie, and Renaldo ----- hey, everyone ...
WHY DON'T YOU HOP INTO HERE????

Will the same thing happen? ... will they be bounced-out????
NO WAY ... THEY GO INTO QUIZNOS' CUP ... and they are welcome!!
What fun --- all of us together.

A little later on ... another red-white-and-blue ball is looking for a home.
She sees Fred ... alone in his cup ... then Fred runs out ----- "Hey, over there ... you look just like me ...
come into my cup!!"
Frieda looks at Fred's cup ... then see looks at Quiznos' cup ----- WHY WOULD I WANT TO
GO INTO YOUR CUP, FRED? ... YOU WANT EVERYONE TO BE THE SAME ... I'M GOING OVER
HERE ... WHERE ALL THE DIFFERENT GOOFS ARE ENJOYING EACH OTHER!!

Fred starts to think. I want my home to be called "America." But America is not all about "being the
same." It's about being "who we are" ... and open to all kinds of people. I've been selfish ... I want
everyone to be like me. I think I need to change my attitude.

Fred knocks on Quiznos' cup ----- DO YOU HAVE ROOM FOR ONE MORE SELFISH-WHO-
DOESN'T-WANT-TO-BE-SELFISH-ANYMORE "goof"??????
Quiznos opens the door ... Fred falls in ... America is born.

My friends ... your very own Quiznos cup ----- full of "all God's goofs."