

Children's sermon: June 13, 2010

"God's eyes"

How about that song????

"I love trash" ... sung by the always-in-a-good-mood OSCAR.

This song is in honor of our garage sale coming up this weekend ... are you coming????

Have you talked to Sponge Bob lately?? ... it's his birthday.

Now ... he doesn't get out of the water much. But ----- he really wants a new basketball ... for those tough under-water tournaments he likes to play in. His parents promise: **WE WILL TAKE YOU TO BUY A NEW BASEKTBALL.**

So, they swim into their car (water-mobile) and drive to get a new ball. Where should they go???? -----

Sports Authority? ... maybe Dick's? ... Wal-Mart???

Where do they end up????

Sponge Bob's parents pull into the parking lot of All Saints Lutheran Church.

What are we doing here? ... Sponge Bob asks his parents.

We are going to shop for and ball ... they respond.

AT A GARAGE SALE???????? ... "The Sponger" isn't very happy!!

Well ... they walk around ... and his parents find a basketball.

Look at this thing ---- it's AWFUL ... faded, deflated, no bounce to it.

Sponge Bob can't believe this ----- **YOU PROMISED ME A NEW BALL ... NOT SOMETHING LIKE THIS!! ... *it's so ugly!!***

Our birthday buddy the "Sponger" is about ready to run out the church and cry ... when he bumps into a little boy. "Hi, Sponge Bob ... my name is Fred!!"

Sponger says "hi" ... but really doesn't want to talk.

But Fred won't let him go. Sponge Bob tells the little boy about his disappointment ... especially the crummy-looking basketball. Fred smiles ... "Sponger ... I have something for you."

They walk over to where the deflated-ugly basketball is ... and Fred pulls out a pair of goggles.

"Sponger ... I want you to put these goggles on. They aren't normal goggles ... I call them **God's eyes.**"

Sponge Bob starts to laugh ... he is thinking ----- "This little kid has quiet an imagination."

Just to humor little Fred ... Sponger puts on the goggles ... he looks at the ball ... and suddenly ----

THE BALL LOOKS DIFFERENT.

Look, my friends ----- the ball is beeeeeootiful. I looks brand-new.

Smooth, deep brown color ... and ---- IT BOUNCES!!

Sponge Bob looks at Fred ----- what's going on here???

"It's all about what we are taught here at church. When you look at the world **THROUGH GOD'S EYES ...** things seem different. Something ugly can beautiful ... something common can be a miracle ... someone or something you don't want can be a treasure ----- **JUST LIKE THIS BALL!@!!**"

My friends ... each of us can look at the world through God's eyes.

God's eyes help us look inside a person ... they help us see more than just what is on the "outside" ...

God's eyes can make us laugh and smile.

I have some eyes for you. When you are having a day, and all you see is what is wrong with the world ... put these on. Things will look different.

Your old basketball might even bounce!!