

Children's sermon: June 6, 2010
"Holy-rollers and love"

Anyone here have an aunt named EDNA???? Does anyone name anyone "Edna" anymore????

Oh, well ...

Fred has an AUNT EDNA ... she is a big, beautiful, religious lady. She loves her church ... goes every Sunday ... and their services last for HOURS!@!!

Here is one of the songs they sing ... whoa ... isn't that nice!@!!?? ---- "PRECIOUS LORD."

By the way ... who is singing this? ----- yes, MAHALIA JACKSON!!

Sometimes Fred and his friends make a little fun of Edna ... because she is so religious. You know what they call her???? ... I'll give you a hint!!

Here is a ball ... it has lots of holes in it. Now, I'm going to "roll" it to you.

Now, what is it that they call Aunt Edna????? ----- they say she is a "HOLY ROLLER"!!

(Sorry, that was weak!!)

Edna always tells Fred and his friends ----- *you go to church every Sunday ... and then the rest of the week*

YOU SPRINKLE GOODNESS WHEREVER YOU ARE!@!!

Hey ... this sounds like pretty good "stuff" to me!!

Anyway --- this week Edna wants Fred and his friends to be in church with her. She says: YOU HAVE TO COME THIS SUNDAY ... BECAUSE WE ARE HAVING A PRAYER SERVICE FOR ALL GOD'S CREATURES!!

Fred wonders: Aunt Edna ... what do you mean by "all God's creatures."

"Well, Fred ----- you have to come and find out!!"

Fred and his buddies all show up in church ... and what seems like hours later ... the pastor begins "prayer time."

They are singing ... waving their hands ... and then they start praying for:

the fish ... the pelicans ... the octopus ... all THE CREATURES who are being hurt by this horrible oil spill.

Fred and his buddies are THRILLED AND INSPIRED!@!! ----- praying for the animals!!

Animals are so special ... such an important part of this amazing world God has given us.

They are beautiful.

They make the world fun.

But ---- lots of them are hurting and dying ... WE NEED TO PRAY!@!!

Fred and his buddies enjoyed Edna's church ... especially the prayers.

For you today ... your very own "holy roller."

And ----- a "sprinkling can" ... so you can "sprinkle goodness" in all those places you'll be each and every day.