

Children's sermon: May 9, 2010  
"Mama's tub-of-love"

Have you met Fred's mom ---- MILDRED?? Do people name girls "Mildred" anymore???

What a great lady!@!! ... and she always has her "tub of love" with her.

This is how "love buckets" began. TUBS OF LOVE come together ... they have babies ... and we call these "babies" LOVE BUCKETS. How about that????

So, Fred goes to school ... he forgets his back-pack. What happens? ... mom just happens to have it ... in her tub-of-love. In class ... Fred discovers ----- he forgot his homework.

How does he get it????? .... mom's tub-of-love brings it to school.

Hey, do you have "shop-class" at school????

Fred is in shop class ... forgets his hammer!@!! Lucky for Fred his mom is Swedish ... she always carries a hammer. He gets home with his project ... the pieces don't fit together like they should. What is the answer?

**DUCK-TAPE!@!!**

A big hammer and a thick roll of duck-tape ----- our answer to wholeness and happiness.

Of course ... Fred's mom has a whole roll.

Seems like ----- every time Fred needs something ... HIS MOM IS THERE!!

Fred is older now.

His mom is older, too.

He comes to her on Mother's Day.

*"Mom ... growing up ... I took you so for granted. I don't know if I said THANK-YOU enough.*

*Thanks, Mom ... for all you do. Thanks for being WHO YOU ARE!!"*

Fred never goes anywhere now ... without a "love bucket."

His bucket is full ... of his mom's love ... of God's love ... of his love for others.

Fred's mom reminds him still ... "Fred ... I will give you everything I have. I only look for one thing: **IT'S THE MAGIC WORD: THANK-YOU!!**"

My friends ... I have a love-bucket for you. More than a bucket ... it has lots of "stuff" inside.

But today ----- don't look through the bucket first and see if it's what you want.

Don't try to be first.

Just open your arms ... receive the bucket given to you ...

and say the MAGIC WORD!!

And what is it????? ..... yes ... **THANK-YOU!!**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**