

Children's sermon: May 8, 2010 (Mother's Day)

"Walma's Day"

Here is Walma ----- the lady with the big heart.
She does NOT like Mother's Day. And ... who can blame her??? Her mom died a long time ago.
Walma is not married ... has no kids ... so, she doesn't think she is a part of Mother's Day.

Oh, she has a hobby.
She collects eggs eggs, eggs, more eggs. Just look into her "egg bucket" ----- eggs from Asia,
Russia, South America ... Mokena, Tinley Park ... yes, she is the ULTIMATE EGG LADY.

She begins to wonder ...
All I do is collect eggs ... maybe, I should starting giving them away. After all, Walma has a BIG HEART ...
she loves to share.

On the way to church this morning ... Walma meets 3 lonely kids: FRED, FRED, and their buddy FRED.
She has seen them before ----- always hangin' together ... always by themselves.
Walma says "hello" ... and they quietly say "hello" back.
Walma discovers some things about these 3 Fred's she never knew.
They are alone.
No parents. No family. Just them. They, too, don't like Mother's Day.

Walma pulls a few eggs out of her bucket.
"Boys ... I don't have much. And I don't like Mother's Day either.
One thing I do have is EGGS. So, let's all go to church ... maybe we can sit together ...
and ----- ENJOY YOUR EGG!! ... here, have a couple."

After worship is over ... Walma is standing off in a corner by herself ... kind-of feeling sorry for herself,
like she always does on Mother's Day.
The 3 Fred's come running up to her:
"Miss Walma ... thanks for the money!!"
"I didn't give you any money ... I just gave you hollow plastic eggs."
"Miss Walma ----- look inside the eggs you gave us ... THERE IS MONEY!@!!"

Walma knows she didn't put money in there.
But there is something she DID PUT IN THERE ----- her heart, her soul, her love.
Walma discovers on this Sunday ... on Mother's Day ... what God teaches us ----- when you give
from what you have ... no matter how humble what you have is ... well, your gift grows.
Her eggs are never empty ... they are full of love.

Walma and the 3 Fred's ----- they are having lunch today ... on Mother's Day.
In a way ... Walma is a "mom" ... and the 3 Fred's now have a "mom."
And ----- the 3 Fred's are rich ... they have received what Walma now calls her "egg money."
What is "egg money"?????? ... it's what you share ... it's what you give from your heart ... and however
much you give ... IT GROWS!@!!