

Children's sermon: October 2, 2011
"It's not easy being green"

So, I walk into the dollar store the other day ... and the cashier says ...
"Reverend ... you are looking a bit pale today ..."
I walk down the aisle ... I see all these pails ... and a new children's sermon is born!@!!

And how about listening to this song ... Kermit the Frog singing: "It's not easy being green."

It's not easy being green ... if "being green" makes you blend in and not be noticed.
Hey ... it's not easy being black ... if everyone else is white.
It's not easy being white ... if everyone else is black.
It's not easy being red ... if you are the only red bucket in the group.
Would you just rather blend in ... and not be noticed???? ... or stand out from the crowd ...
and be different than everyone else????

Look at all these buckets up here.
Why are all the green ones by themselves? ... and all the other colors won't have anything
to do with them???

For some strange reason ... this orange bucket does not like green buckets.
The green bucket ---- named Fred, of course ---- wants to do something about it!@!!
"I just want us all to get along!@!!" this is Fred's dream.

Fred kind-of digs in his green-pail heals ... and has a few words for the orange bucket ...
*Hey, Pal ... look here ... I have an orange shovel in my green bucket ...
And you ----- yes, you have a green shovel in your orange bucket ...
So, we aren't all that different.*
*You have lots of gunk in you: some prejudice, some jealousy, not sharing, thinking you are
better than us greenies ...*
*So, I'm gonna take my shovel ... shovel out this gunk you have inside of you ...
And we are going to re-cycle it ... and turn your gunk into love.*
THIS IS WHAT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT.
*It's not easy being green ... it's not easy being orange ... but it's easy to love and care about
each other.*
*So ---- let's re-cycle the GUNK ... LOVE AND CARE ABOUT EACH OTHER ... after all, this is
the way God wants us to live.*

How about that, my friends!@!??
See all these buckets. Take one ... shovel out the gunk ... re-cycle it into goodness and love.
Remember ----- IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE!!