

Children's sermon: January 29, 2012
"Can't we just all get along???? ... & family"

Are you excited about baseball starting soon? Spring training around the corner ...
Just for fun ----- how many of you are Cubs fans? Sox fans????
Just curious ... now, on to our story.

Fred is alone ... alone in his bucket.
Can you hear him in here???? ... just him --- alone ... no family.
Fred and God have talked about this. God tells Fred ----- you are going to meet someone soon. She doesn't
have a family either ... and the two of you ... YOU CAN BE A FAMILY!@!!
Fred has no idea what God is talking about.

Over here ... on the other side of the world ... is Frieda. She has no family either. Listen ----- can you hear
her, as she rattles around in her own bucket??? God promises her, too ... one day she will meet someone ...
and they will become family.

Today is the day. Two buckets coming together. Fred is so nervous ... and so is Frieda.
Whom do you want to see first????
OK ----- Fred is going to appear ... let's see what he looks like.
Oh, my gosh ---- he is a Cubs baseball ... logo and all!@!!

Wonder what Frieda looks like???
Here she comes ---- how about this???? ... she is a White Sox baseball.
They look at each other ---- almost in horror.

Fred speaks first ----- "How can we be a family???? I've been told all along ... if you are a Cubs fan ...
you have to hate the White Sox."
And Frieda pipes up ----- same here ... if you are a White Sox fan, you have to hate the Cubs.

My friends, there is something wrong here. There is way too much "hating" and "not liking" going on in our
world. It's getting old. God wants us to spend our time loving & liking & caring for others.
You can be a Sox fan ... and still support the Cubs.
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And this is baseball ... a game!@!! How about life???? ----- we gotta stand -up for each other ...
root for one another ... we GOTTA LET THE GOODNESS SHINE!!

Fred and Frieda look at each other ... it's fun to be different!@!!
They hop into the same bucket.
And ----- they become "family."

My friends ... I have two buckets here. One full of Cubs balls ... the other White Sox balls.
Which one will you take???
Hey --- it's all about love!!