

## “STICKY NOTES”

Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28, Matthew 7:21-29

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Yesterday Barabas received a phone call . . . from Pastor Ed! “He asked me to be part of his sermon!” Barabas told Uncle Floyd. “He said I just have to stand there. I wonder why he picked me?”

“I reckon because he knows you will do a good job!” said Uncle Floyd.

So, here it is Sunday morning in Pastor Ed’s church and the sermon is about to start and Pastor Ed had told the congregation during the announcements that Barabas Heffelfinger would be coming up to help with the sermon.

The sermon started. “My wife, the SCS Teacher, and I need to be reminded to do important things at home, how about you? My wife will put sticky notes everywhere! There was one on my lunch box yesterday that reminded me to buy alfalfa on the way home from the church. I have one in the horse trailer that says “Lock the baby gate.” when Larry and Loretta are in there.

“God knows that we need reminders. In today’s lessons God kind of tells us to put sticky notes everywhere too!

“His sticky notes go a bit like this.” Pastor Ed took a yellow sticky note and placed it on Barabas’s chest.

“Remember to keep God’s law in your heart.” Have a kind heart that will show love to all.

And a sticky note on Barabas’s forehead. “Remember to keep God’s law in your head.” That means to stop and think before you act unkindly to another.

And a sticky note on Barabas’s hand. “Remember to keep God’s law in your hands.” We need our hands to do work, and so we remind our hands to do the work that is good.

And a sticky note on Barabas’s mouth! “Remember to keep God’s law in what you say.” That means to say only the best about folks you know. No talking back. No bad words.

“If you are wise” continued Pastor Ed “you will want to remind yourself to do your very best EVERY TIME you walk in or out of your house.” So Pastor Ed put Barabas in a pretend house and placed a sticky note beside the doorway. “Remember to do your best at all times.”

“Even our house needs to be reminded to be wise. A foolish house would be built on sand and might just get washed away like a sand castle in a sand box. We are to build our home on the rock of Jesus Christ.” And Pastor Ed put the pretend house on a pretend rock.

So here stands Barabas with all these sticky notes!



It would be kind of silly if your mother put these sticky notes on you every morning before you leave the house. So, instead of sticky notes, perhaps we should have conversations with our parents or grandparents about God and how to show love to others.

Barabas thought to himself “This was kind of fun to wear these sticky notes. But I wouldn’t want to do this EVERY day!” You know, when Barabas went home and he and Uncle Floyd had their lunch, they had a really nice conversation about God. Maybe you can do that today at lunch, or when you go to bed tonight.

The Bible says that is a really good thing to do. THE END