

“Healing Service”

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Isn't it interesting how God has designed each of us a bit different from the others of us! Some of us have body parts that we can take off, like Mrs. Potato Head. Well, maybe we can't take our eyes and ears off, but we can take off our hearing aids and our glasses and maybe some of the teenagers here have an appliance they wear in their mouth to help keep their teeth straight. Those are all things that help keep our bodies healthy and strong.

And then there are folks like Barabas who, instead of having legs, have a vase. Of course none of you have a vase, but some people wear braces on their legs or maybe they use a cane or sit in a wheelchair.

Some of us are much shorter than others, like the difference between Sam and his best friend Barabas. It is hard to believe they are the same age.

Some are young, like the two Tater Tots, and some are old, like Mrs. Potato Head.

Over there is Frank Heffelfinger who now lives and works in CA at 5161 Lankershim Blvd. in North Hollywood. He was in jail for years. That's when Barabas went to live with Uncle Floyd. Then, when Frank was released from jail and he moved to CA, he said Barabas should continue to live with Uncle Floyd. Frank knew that would be best for Barabas.

With all of these different kinds of people, isn't it amazing that God knows each and every one of us. He knows EXACTLY what is best for each of us!

When Mr. Potato Head died years ago, God sent an extra measure of comfort to Mrs. Potato Head and her family.

When Barabas broke his vase in that bicycle accident and he needed a vasectomy, God provided the best doctors. God even inspired Aunt Gertrude to quietly donate the money when Uncle Floyd's insurance did not cover all the costs of the surgery.

When Lamar needed more help in school, his father got that job offer in Baltimore, where, it just so happens, there is an excellent program for blind children at the MD School for the Blind, right in Baltimore!

Today in our worship the pastors will lay their hands on each of us and say prayers for healing. We are reminded of the many paths where God has led us, where healing occurs. He brings comfort to the grieving, he brings opportunity for improved education to the blind, he brings healing to broken vases and forgiveness to broken families.



You know how we can tell that God wants the very best for us? Just look at who he sent to be with us here on earth, his very best, his only Son, Christ Jesus who brings His Father's Love and Forgiveness and Healing to us all. THE END