

"X O X O X O"
Luke 11:1-13
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As you probably already know, some days are really, really good days. And then there are those days that are just kind of glum and boring and even sad or angry days. I think that God feels badly when he sees we are having one of those bad days. So if you pay attention, you will notice that even on the worst days, God sends His LOVE down to us.

Here is Barabas, having one of those bad days! It was really, really hot out yesterday, and the Hefelfinger household does not have air conditioning . . . and Sam could not come over to play and Uncle Floyd was too busy for them to go to the pool. And then when Uncle Floyd asked if Barabas had cleaned up the dog poop in the back yard, Barabas had said "Yes." What he meant to say was "Yes, I WILL clean it up . . . in a minute." But what his 'yes' sounded like was "Yes, I already DID clean it up." And then, he forgot to do it! So when Uncle Floyd went out to hang up the sleeping bags from the week at Family Camp, squish! . . . he stepped right in a dog poop. And Uncle Floyd was NOT happy. And he shouted at Barabas.

So I wonder how God sends His love to us when we are having 'one of those days'.

This is how it happened for Barabas:

First, both Arod and Jeter came into his room and jumped up on Barabas's bed and licked his face. They were happy to be back from the kennel and be at home with Uncle Floyd and Barabas. It was as if the dogs were kissing Barabas. Hmmm . . . I wonder if DOG KISSES are a way that God sends his love. (nod head yes)

And then Elizabeth, Barabas's best friend in the whole wide world, called to ask him to come join them in a trip to the pool. Hmmm . . . I wonder if FRIENDS are a way that God sends us his love. Yup!

And then, before Uncle Floyd dropped Barabas off at Elizabeth's house, Barabas said "I'm sorry what I said about cleaning up the dog poop." And Uncle Floyd said "I reckon I'm sorry that I shouted at you." Hmmm . . . I wonder if APOLOGIES are a way that God sends us his love? Mmm hmm.

What if God sent you a WRITTEN DOWN MESSAGE to tell you how much he loves you? Well, I think He already has! And if you are not old enough to read, let me show you what that message might look like to non-readers. Here!



I bet you know what X and O mean . . . hugs and kisses.

Well, imagine a whole page of X's and O's. Look at this! And then imagine a whole book filled with 1,500 pages of X's and O's. I think that book would look like this! (hold up a Bible) That is a lot of love!



I think that God loves us MORE than we can imagine!

God always sends his love to us. Even on 'one of those days'!

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