

"Uncle Floyd Helps with the Children's Message!"

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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Pastor Ed and Pastor Glenn are doing the Children's Message this morning for all the children gathered here.

"Jesus taught the Good News of God's Love to all the crowds that gathered near." And then Pastor Ed explained that the Good News of God's Love is like a seed planted in your heart. And, as you know, a seed can grow to be a beautiful flower, or a vegetable or even a tree.

Barabas LOVES tomatoes, and so does Uncle Floyd! And there are plenty of green tomatoes in their garden that will soon be ready to pick!

"Maybe I will get a tomato seed," thought Barabas.

Pastor Glenn said: "Line up here to get your cup of dry dirt."

All the children were excited to get their cup of dirt. Especially Haman, who got so excited he crowded against Pastor Ed, and things got into a bit of a shoving, pushing crowd.

"Oh no!" cried Pastor Ed, as the whole tray of cups of dry dirt tumbled to the floor. "Uncle Floyd is not going to like cleaning up this mess!"

Until all the children moved away from the mess, a lot of the dry dirt got scattered around and then Running Chairs knocked over the water pitcher, and you know what water and dirt make mud! Everyone was rushing here and there, making things worse!

"Oh no," thought Barabas. "Uncle Floyd REALLY is going to be in a bad mood at lunch today!" Remember, Uncle Floyd is the church sexton, that means he cleans and maintains the church building.



And then, to everyone's astonishment, Uncle Floyd stepped forward and announced: "I reckon everyone needs to stand still for a moment or two." And just like a super hero, he plugged in his super-duper wet/dry vac and had the mess tidied up just fine. "I can do a better job once worship is over. And then he vanished as quickly as he had appeared!"

The seeds we have for you are marigold seeds. Here on the altar are some marigold plants. If you tend to your seeds and make sure they are watered, not too much and not too little, they will grow to look like these.

And that is how it is with God's Love planted in your heart. You need to tend to what you have heard by coming to church where you will learn the lessons that will water your heart!

THE END

Pastor Jen and I will hand out the cups and help you plant the seeds!