

## “Comfort”

Second Sunday of Advent

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Have you ever been really worried? Gator has been.

You might remember that Uncle Floyd told Barabas that his birth father, Frank, who is a janitor at Disney Internet Group on Lenkershim Blvd in No. Hollywood, CA, Frank is coming for Christmas. You can see him over there in the West on the window sill beside the palm tree. It is always fun when Uncle Floyd and Frank get together.

Let me warn you, they always have a big family wrestling match. Even Derrick and Jeter get involved. Gator even got to wrestle last Christmas! And this year, Francis, the youngest brother of Frank and Floyd, will be here too! Yup! Barabas is looking forward to Christmas.



On the other hand, Gator is worried about Christmas. You see Uncle Floyd also invited Gator's mother, who works at that Alligator Farm in Florida, to come. She is on the second window sill. She is hard to see because she has a very petite body.

Gator's mother's name is Florence. She was not a good mother to Gator mostly because she is an alcoholic, that means she drank too much alcohol. It was a very sad home. You may remember that Officer Spud told the authorities that Gator should never go back to Downattheriver. Gator has not seen or heard from his mother for several years. She told Uncle Floyd she has been clean and sober for two years!

The best thing that ever happened to Gator was when Uncle Floyd adopted him.

Uncle Floyd has noticed that Gator is worried about this upcoming visit. So after kissing Barabas good night, Uncle Floyd went over to Gator's bed.

"I reckon you seem worried." said Uncle Floyd. "Can we talk about it?"

"No," said Gator, as he hugged his soccer ball.

Uncle Floyd put his hand on Gator's shoulder to comfort him and Gator, who is 12 years old, Gator started to cry.

"I'm not sure I wanted you to invite my Mother here for Christmas." he said.

"If there are any problems, I reckon I will be here to help, always!" said Uncle Floyd. "I will comfort you."

(Light the little Advent Wreath)

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, we hear God's promise to be with us and to give us comfort when we worry about things. And Uncle Floyd knows to comfort Gator, because many a time God has comforted Uncle Floyd!

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