

## Children's Message

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Good morning.

We need to talk about a very sticky subject this morning- glue. There are just so many kinds of glue, aren't there? I was in the glue aisle at Home Depot and couldn't believe all of the different kinds. It used to be that there was Elmer's glue and rubber cement- if you couldn't make it stick with one of those- too bad! Oh, I forgot one- paste. Paste was my favorite in school- I loved the way it smelled and I loved how you could spread it with that little plastic stick.

I brought my new favorite kind of glue with me this morning- but it can be very dangerous- so make sure you never play with this kind. It's Super Glue and I am going to use it to show you something about Jesus and the way he feels about you. I am going to put a small drop on these two pieces of wood and after a few seconds I won't be able to pull them apart.

Jesus is like that with you and me. Paul talked about how much Jesus cares for us, and he tells us that nothing in this world will ever make Jesus let go of you or me. It doesn't make any difference if we are hungry or in some kind of danger. Jesus will be there. Not even dying will keep you and Jesus apart. Jesus will stay with you no matter what happens. That is promise we can read in the Bible.

Suppose that you find yourself lost- and all alone and really afraid. You begin to worry that you are never going to get back home again. Jesus promises that you will not be alone. He will be there with you. What if you are really sad? Maybe you did something that all the other kids thought was really dumb and they won't let you forget it- they keep teasing you about it until you can't stand it anymore. All you want to do is run away and hide. Jesus says he'll go with you. You can count on him. What if you are home sick from school and no one comes to visit you because they could get sick too. You are all alone in your room, except Jesus is there. Jesus will never be separated from you.

Jesus is like Super Glue. Take a look at our wood. If I try to pull it apart- it won't come apart. Jesus is even stronger than Super Glue, he will never come apart from you. This is one more promise that God makes and God keeps with you.

Pastor Sue Ann, will you please lead us in a prayer?