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Acts 17:1-9, I Thess 1:1-10

Children's Message

When you hear the word church what do you think of? Does your mind think of the buildings in Thalberg and Green Bay? Or do you think of the people that you see in them on Sunday? Is the church the actual building or is it the people or can it be both?

Remember that before we had the buildings we still had a church. It was the pioneers and the people who made up the church. They were the ones who carried Jesus and their faith in their hearts. However, they needed a place to gather and worship God when they came to Canada. So they built these buildings that we call churches.

So this made me think that you and I also carry Jesus in our hearts also. We are like mini churches. We are made in the image of God who made us. So when you look in the mirror you see the image of God staring back at you. When you look at your parents, grandparents, sister and brothers and those around you, God's image is looking back at you. This is the same God who is in Heaven with Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We are told in scripture by Jesus that we are all temples of the Holy Spirit. That means that you and I are also temples of the Holy Spirit. When the times comes to gather again on Sunday there will be so many images of God in the building we call church.

The church starts with you and I, the people of God made in His image and likeness. The buildings express our desire to gather as God's children in this world. They reflect back to us God's glory. Some churches are simple and others are much decorated. They reflect the faith of those who built it. Back to our opening question, both the buildings and the people make the church. Yet the two are interlinked and yet independent. Kind of like the fingers on our hands. They can work separately, but they work best together.