

CHILDREN'S SERMON¹

Theme: *With the Help of God and Others*

Needed Items: A rope marking off 15 feet.

Good morning. I'm so glad you're here today. I have some questions for you this morning. Who in this congregation are able to **kneel**? (*Have everyone, adults and children, raise hands.*) Ahh. I hope you noticed that some people are able to kneel, but not everyone. Who is able to **pray**? If you can pray raise your hand. Everyone can pray! (*Put out the rope to show a distance of fifteen feet.*) Who thinks he/she can **jump** fifteen feet? Hmm . . . nobody? I bet Garrett can jump fifteen feet. Garrett, do you think you can jump fifteen feet? (*Wait for a response.*)

Let's see if Garrett can jump fifteen feet. (*Let Garrett try it.*) Didn't quite make it, but let's see if you can do it with some help. *Call Garrett's father forward to where the children are gathered. Have Garrett jump into his father's arms and let Derren carry him the fifteen feet.*)

By ourselves we are not able to jump fifteen feet but with the help of others, we are able to do so much more than we could by ourselves.

In one of the bible readings today, we are told that when God is in our lives we are able to accomplish far more than we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). Today Garrett and his sister Daisy will be baptized. When we are baptized, God's power comes into us and we can do far more than we can ask or even think. And this is particularly true when we help one another. Together with God and the help of others, we can even jump fifteen feet.

Prayer: Dear Lord, help us to remember that we can do far more than we can think or imagine when your power is at work within us and when we help one another. Help us always to love others and share with others as you love and share with us.

¹Based on: *Schroeder, Philip D., Children's Sermons for the Revised Common Lectionary, Year B* (Nashville: Abongdon Press, 1997) 66-67.