

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Easter – Year B

- There was this woman who went into a fabric store
  - She asked for white fabric – but she wanted it to be noisy, loud
  - They finally found some and the clerk asked why
  - I'm getting married, and my fiancé is blind
  - I want him to know when I get there at the altar and where I am
- We do a lot for love
  - Jesus says, "if you love me, you will follow my commandments, ..."
  - "Love one another" How? "As I have loved you" – pretty tall order
  - But the love of God is a gift – we did nothing to earn it – it is God's initiative
    - Holy Spirit comes – even when its against Church policy
    - The Church was Jewish
      - HS comes to Gentiles AND to a Centurion
      - And when it come – it silences every objection
      - God's love was in their midst – and there is nothing as contagious as love
      - God's love is in OUR midst – and its still just as contagious
- Today we are given great examples of God's love – these children
  - Precious, incredible potential – Doctors, Musicians, Artists, Plumbers, Priests
  - God's gifts to us
  - With any gift, comes responsibility. What will we do with these gifts?

Responsibility is NOT just with the parents and the family  
ALL OF US share in the responsibility of these children

How we live - OUR Example – makes a difference.

### **look around**

PARENTS	FRIENDS	GOD PARENTS	FAMILY
<u>We are</u>	TEACHERS	COACHES	SCOUT LEADERS
			FRIENDS -

### **CHURCH**

KIDS – you will be the Big Kids  
Some of us, years from now, may hire them

**We** have been given the gifts of God's love – what will we do with it?  
**Our** lifestyle, **our** commitment, **our** example affects the men & women they'll become.

As we baptize them, our prayer is not only for them – but also for us – the community they join. That together we may both grow the Kingdom of God.