

Children's Sermon for June 16 (based on John 16:12-15)

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Items needed: large blue plastic tablecloth (can be purchased at a dollar store); small empty metal can. After kids come up, ask them, How many of you have been to the beach? Today we are going to pretend we are at the beach! Ask for two volunteers, who will hold up the blue tablecloth. Explain that this is the ocean, at the beach. Now, show the empty can, and tell them you've brought the can to the beach to play with. Hold the can by the tablecloth-- could I fit the whole ocean, inside the can? Of course not--the can is much too small to fit the whole ocean inside!! But I could throw the can into the ocean, and the ocean would hold up the can, the can would float (hold can at top of table cloth) In other words, the can can't hold the ocean, but the ocean can hold the can! My mind is like this can, and God's mind is like the ocean. God's mind is a LOT bigger than my mind. That means, there are a LOT of times that I don't understand God--just like this can can't fit the whole ocean inside. But faith is like throwing this can into the ocean--the ocean can hold up the can. Faith is trusting, whether or not I understand God, that God's love will "hold me up<" just like the ocean holds up the can. Whether or not I understand God, faith is trusting that God understands me!