*Truth Homily for Kids*

Well . . . sometimes I have given in the past, homilies for kids on Jesus as Truth but we’re all called to be kids at heart so here goes. So what do you guys think do you like to play with words like a kid? I like to combine words or ideas for fun-- let’s try a few.

What would it be like if we combined an animal like an elephant and a lion? What would call it? An elephion. That would pretty cool! What a creature! Don’t mess with it! Or how about if we combined a dragon and a chihuahua. What would we call it? A dragahuahua? It would be cute but ferocious at the same, a flying chihuahua that could breathe fire! But maybe it’s a good dragahuahua. Or what if we combined two popular sports like football and ballet? What would we call it? Foollet? That would be a dangerous sport. Can you imagine someone performing a perfect pirouette with a helmet and pads and then getting tackled and taken to the ground? Okay so not everything mixes well right? There’s an order and harmony to things. There is absolute truth—right?

Sometimes today, we hear the view that there are multiple truths and that we can all believe our own way and get along just fine. While I do think it’s good to agree to disagree at times and allow others to discover the path to truth. Also, oftentimes we’re not sure what it is and that’s okay too. But, there is absolute truth, order to the universe and absolute beauty. We see this in everything. How about math. Isn’t there a right answer and a wrong one? If I say two plus two is three, would you not tell me I’m wrong because you don’t want to hurt my feelings? Or how about art? Now some things are equal like if I like blue or you like green. Neither is better. It’s just taste. But aren’t there some people who can draw well and others that can’t? Aren’t there some folks who can sing and others who can’t? Or how about cooking? Now again some things are equal and it’s just taste. But there is an order to all things including cooking. If there wasn’t then anything goes right? Let’s try anything without any plan and see if it works. Let’s pretend that this recipe represents everybody believing what they want and getting along just fine without any moral order to things. We’ll just mix things randomly and see if it works.

Let’s see. Do you like orange juice? I like it. How about salt—I love salt it brings out the flavor? I like the smell of air freshener too --- it smells pure and clean --let’s throw some of that in here. How about chocolate sauce? I like chocolate. How about ketchup? I love ketchup on hamburgers. What about mayonnaise and mustard? Of course, we need water too-- pure distliied water—water makes everything better right? And last, how about some hot sauce to spice things up? I love hot sauce. Now should I drink this? What do you think? Think of this recipe as everybody believing what they want. Anything goes. Does it work? No and don’t ever try this at home-- this is like one of those funny shows on T. V-- not for practice.

This is why we need Jesus. Jesus is the Truth. He says so and the right way to live is to listen to Him. How can we be sure? Well, it’s not easy but I think over time as we grow and continue to listen to Jesus’ words, we’ll begin to see that what He says works. Love is the best path and helping others really makes us happy. Love is the greatest beauty. Love is the greatest strength . . . Absolute Truth is Love and we’re the most beautiful when we love. Let’s trust in Jesus--- listen to the bible scholars too-- but trust in His simple message of Love.