

“THINKABOUTIT” THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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When you combine a holiday known for horse-play and a professional athlete we would typically expect a result that would end up either on the front page of a scandal sheet or on some police blotter; yet, this story has a happy ending. Last Halloween night, Jason Varitek, did something special. Rather than giving out something that would rot out children’s teeth and bring satisfaction for the moment, he gave them something they could savor for a long, long time. Rather than handing out candy for Halloween the captain and catcher for the World Champion Boston Red Sox gave out autographs. He sat in his driveway and as the kids came by he would autograph whatever they had with them.

When we deal with children, it’s often easy to throw money and things at them; but, what they really need is us. Jason Varitek couldn’t develop a relationship with each child, so he gave them the most personal thing he could – his name. What are we giving the children with whom we can develop a personal relationship: stuff or substance?

Think about it! For the Madison Avenue Church of Christ; this is Charlie Wharton.