

Sola Publishing Children's Message Pentecost 18 – Year B		SOLA 
Be a Good Servant		
Readings	1) Jeremiah 11:18-20 2) James 3:13–4:10 3) Mark 9:30-37	
Scripture Focus	Mark 9:33-37	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	When it's time for Jesus to pull the disciples together, call the children around you in the same way.	
Message Jesus spent a lot of time helping people. Some were sick or hurt and he healed them. Jesus was a servant. He didn't want to have the most money or the best job. He wanted to help people. He wanted to show them how much he loved them. Jesus and the disciples walked everywhere helping people and teaching them. They walked EVERYWHERE! No cars, no bikes, not even a scooter or a skateboard. They walked... a long way, from one town to the next. Close your eyes for a minute. Think about them on their way down the road, walking. Are they walking all together? In little groups? Or far apart from each other? Is anyone walking alone? Are they quiet or talking? Are they teasing each other? Laughing? Was anyone arguing? Were they walking fast or slow? [Let the kids answer these and picture the scene.] Jesus saw some of them talking together as they walked. They didn't know it, but Jesus heard them arguing about who was the greatest disciple. When they got where they were going, he asked them, "What were you talking about today while we walked?" They looked at the ground when they knew he heard them. Jesus called all the disciples together. He wanted to talk to them. He said, "Friends, some of you still don't understand. I'm not here to be the best at anything. It isn't about being the best or the favorite. It's about loving people and taking care of them and each other, helping and being helpful to all people." Jesus said, "I am here to serve you." We want to serve too. What do people do at church to be helpful? What do you do at home to be helpful? Jesus doesn't want us to think about our lives as what we do to be the best or the favorite. He wants us to think about our live as what we can do to help people and love them. What are you going to do today to be helpful to somebody like Jesus was? Let's pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, You are the best servant. / You love everyone. Help us to be good servants too, / just like you. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	