

Sola Publishing Children’s Message Epiphany 4 – Year C		SOLA
I Don’t Want To		
Readings	1) Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19 2) 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 3) Luke 4:31-44	
Scripture Focus	Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19	
Take Away	Life Savers	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Story illustrations from Free Bible Images https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/rg-jeremiah-calling/	
Message [You may have your own story that fits with this message.] When I was a little girl, maybe 4 or 5, I loved rolls of Life Savers. One day I was with my mom at the grocery store and she would not let me get some. When she wasn’t looking I took a roll and stuck it in my sock. I was wearing a skirt and knee-high socks. There was a Life Savers bulge sticking out of my sock. We got out to the car and my mom saw it. “What is that?” she asked. I took it out of my sock and showed her. She put the groceries in the car, grabbed my hand, and told me that I had to give them back and apologize for stealing. I was afraid. She walked me up to the manager and said, “My daughter has something to tell you.” I was afraid. I don’t remember what happened after that, but I did what I was told. The Bible says that happened to Jeremiah when he was about 17-years old. God came to talk to him. God said, “Jeremiah, even before you were born, I knew I wanted you to do an important job. I want you to go tell people messages that I will give you.” God wanted him to be a prophet to a lot of people. Jeremiah was afraid. He said, “Oh no, Lord! I don’t know how to do that. I don’t know what to say. I’m only a boy (youth).” But God said, “Don’t say that you’re only a boy, Jeremiah. Don’t be afraid. I will be there with you.” Then something really cool happened. The Lord reached out his hand and touched Jeremiah on the mouth and said, “There. I have put my words in your mouth so you will know what to say. I am giving you the courage and power to tell these kingdoms what is going to happen to them.” Then he said, “Get ready to go. Don’t let them scare you. Today I have made you strong and sure. They may be unhappy, but don’t forget that I give you the words and I am with you and will rescue you if you get in trouble.” Wow! Isn’t that cool? God has jobs for us sometimes too. We may not see his hand giving us the words, but if we need words, he gives them to us. If we need courage, he gives that to us. He gives us everything we need to do any job he gives us. We just need to do it and trust him. I love that! Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear God, When you are with us / we never / need to be afraid.. You give us / everything we need / to do your will. Thank you for loving us / and taking care of us. We love you. Amen.	







