

Sola Publishing Children's Message Advent 2 – Year C		SOLA 
All About Jesus		
Readings	1) Malachi 3:1-7b 2) Philippians 1:2-11 3) Luke 3:1-14, 15-20	
Scripture Focus	Malachi 3:1	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Bible to show how big the OT is compared to the NT	
Message Anybody know what the Old Testament is? It's the first part of the Bible that talks about why people need Jesus. It's called OLD because it was written way before Jesus was born Why is it old? [Hopefully they remember.] It's called a TESTAMENT because a testament is a statement of truth. The Old Testament is the true story of God and how much he loves his people. [That's us!] Why is it called a testament? [Again, hopefully they remember.] The New Testament is all about when Jesus lived on earth and what he did when he was here. Did you know that the Old Testament, the biggest part of the Bible (show them using a Bible how much bigger than the NT it is) never says Jesus' name? Nope. Not once, but it's still all about Jesus because God gave hints. You can find them from the very beginning if you look. Right now, the season of the church is called, Advent, right? We learned about that last week. Advent is about waiting for something special to come. What are we waiting for now? We're waiting for Christmas! What happens on Christmas Eve? [No, not Santa.] We're waiting for Jesus to be born. The whole Bible, Old Testament and New Testament, is the story of why people needed Jesus, what Jesus did, and why we celebrate his birthday today. God is so good to give us this book, don't you think? How would we ever know about Jesus without it? We're going to celebrate Jesus on Christmas Eve (and Christmas Day – for some) right here in church. I hope you will all be here for his birthday celebration. Let's pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Heavenly Father, You gave us / the whole story / in the Old Testament / to tell us about Jesus. Thank you for loving us so much. We love you. Amen.	