

Sola Publishing Children’s Message Pentecost 3 – Year C		SOLA
Love Your Neighbor As Yourself		
Readings	1) 1 Kings 19:9b-21 2) Galatians 5:13-25 3) Luke 9:51-62	
Scripture Focus	Galatians 5:14	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	If you want to, have a treat for the kids and make sure that if they want one, they also give one to another who doesn’t have one yet.	
Message Have you ever heard this before? “Love your neighbor as yourself” or “Love your neighbor the way you love yourself.” Who is your neighbor? Sometimes, in the Bible, God uses words in ways we don’t use them. NEIGHBOR is one of them. He doesn’t only mean the people who live next door to us, but anyone, or other people. What does it mean to love other people the way you love yourself? [See what they say.] What does it mean to love yourself? What are some things we do to love and take care of ourselves? • Feed our bodies. – We should make sure other people have food too. • Make sure we have a place to live and sleep. – We should make sure other people have a place to sleep, too. • Pray for ourselves. – We should pray for other people, too. • We remind ourselves that God loves us. – We should remind other people that God loves them, too. • We don’t tell ourselves that we’re stupid. – We shouldn’t tell other people they’re stupid either. It also means we treat other people how we <i>want</i> to be treated. What are some ways we want to be treated? • Do you want people to be nice to you? – You should be nice to other people. • Do you want people to call you names? – You shouldn’t call other people names. • Do you want people to hit you? – You shouldn’t hit other people. • Do you want people to encourage you, saying things like, “Keep trying. You can do it?” – You should encourage other people. • Do you want people to give you a hug when you’re sad? – You should give someone who’s sad a hug, too. God doesn’t want us to think about ourselves and what we want or need all the time. He wants us to think about other people and make sure they have what they want or need, too. He wants us to take care of each other. Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, You remind us / to treat people / like we want / to be treated. Help us do that.. Thank you for loving us, We love you. Amen.	