

Sola Publishing Children’s Message Pentecost 11 – Year C		SOLA 
Rules = Love		
Readings	1) Isaiah 66:18-23 2) Hebrews 12:4-29 3) Luke 13:22-30	
Scripture Focus	Hebrews 12:5-7	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)		
Message Why do parents have so many rules? Do this! Don’t do that! Pick up your toys! Stop calling your sister/brother names. No, you’re too young to drive the car. Go across the street and help Mrs. Smith with her garden. Eat all your vegetables! Yes, you have to go to church. No, you can’t have seven cookies! Don’t say that word! We don’t hit in this family. Help your little sister/brother. Don’t say NO to me. Say your prayers. Come here and give me a hug. It seems like there are rules for everything. God has rules, too: Love me (God). Respect my (God’s) name. Go to church. Respect your mom, dad, teachers, police, and other adults. Don’t hurt other people by hitting, throwing things, etc., or wishing bad things on them. Keep your promises to the people you love. Don’t take other people’s stuff. Don’t lie or tell lies about people. Don’t wish you had what other people have; be happy with what God gives you. These are God’s top 10 rules for kids and adults. Why? Why are there so many rules? The biggest reason for rules is that they love us! Rules help us have a good life with God and with other people. What would happen if there were no rules? [People would be happy? Probably not.] People would be acting crazy, hitting each other, being mean all the time, lying, taking other people’s stuff, saying bad words, etc. Doing whatever you want all the time might seem like fun, but it turns out that doing bad things all the time isn’t as fun as we think it is. It hurts other people and takes us away from God. He loves us and doesn’t want us to go away from him. Should we thank God for helping us be good people and giving us parents and other people to help us, too? What do you think? Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear God, You teach us / how to love you. Thank you for parents / to teach us / to be good people. Thank you for loving us, We love you. Amen.	