

Sola Publishing Children’s Message Pentecost 12 – Year C		SOLA 
Grumbleface or Joyfulface		
Readings	1) Proverbs 25:2-10 2) Hebrews 13:1-17 3) Luke 14:1-14	
Scripture Focus	Hebrews 13:17	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Somebody besides the Pastor read the story so the Pastor can act it out.	
Message Today I want to tell you a story about two pastors. A long time ago, there was a town with two pastors. One was named Pastor Grumbleface. He (She) had strong faith and was very serious, and his sermons were very serious. [Pastor walks by with slumped, tired shoulders and sighs.] He says (rather soberly), “I just want people to love God more than anything.” [He can turn to the congregation if you don’t have many kids, and speak in a scolding voice.] “People need to get serious in church. It’s like they’re not even listening when I talk!” Many times a day, he would give a big sigh [take a deep breath and another big sigh]. “I’m going to have to make my sermons longer and use bigger words. More law – less Gospel. Maybe that will wake them up.” The other pastor was named Pastor Joyfulface. He (She) had strong faith and was serious, too. [Pastor walks by with a big smile, humming a hymn or song.] He says, “I hope somebody learns how much God loves them today.” He wanted people to love God more than anything, too. [He can turn to the congregation again and speak in an encouraging voice.] “People, today we’re going to talk about Jesus! I want you to know all the great and wonderful things we can learn about him from the Bible.” Sometimes, he would look at his congregation, get a big smile on his face, and think, “Lord, help them learn something about you today.” The end. Pastor takes a bow. Now, we get to use the clap-o-meter. [Be sure the whole congregation gets in on this.] Clap for your favorite pastor. Ready? Pastor Grumbleface. Pastor Joyfulface. The Bible says pastors should tell people about Jesus with joy and not grumbling, because it’s hard to learn from a grumbler. Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Lord, Help all Pastors / share you with joy. Help us to have joy / because of you, too. Thank you for loving us, We love you. Amen.	