

Sola Publishing Children’s Message Pentecost 16 – Year C		SOLA
Help Me to Help Others		
Readings	1) Amos 6:1-7 2) 1 Timothy 3:1-13 3) Luke 16:19-31	
Scripture Focus	Luke 16:19-31	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Illustrations from Free Bible Images: https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/gnpi-069-rich-man-lazarus/	
Message There were two men, one was very poor, and the other was very rich. The poor man’s name was Lazarus, and he was covered with sores. He was sick and didn’t have enough to eat. He sat outside the gates of the rich man’s house, and the dogs would lick his sores. Every day, he sat by the gate, hoping that somebody from the rich man’s house would help him and give him a few bits of food to eat. [What would you do if there was somebody by your house who was sick or hurt and didn’t have any food? What food would you give him?] The rich man would walk out of his house every day, past the poor, sick man, and he never stopped to help him or even talk to him. He didn’t give him medicine for his sores or any food, even though he had so much! In the Bible (1 John 3:17), John asks a question. He asks, “If God has given you lots of money and things, like the rich man, but you don’t use them to help somebody who needs help, like the poor, sick man, does the rich person have God’s love in his heart?” [What do you think? Does Jesus want us to help people who need our help?] Then, on the same day, they both died. Lazarus, the poor, sick man who had God’s love in his heart, went to be with God, where he was happy and safe. The rich man who didn’t have God’s love in his heart did not go to be with God. He was in a dark, scary, bad place, and was very sad and sorry that he didn’t know God and help Lazarus. He asked if he could tell his family about God so they would be with God, but it was too late. He had his chance when he was alive, but they were not dead yet, so they could hear the Good News about Jesus from somebody like... [Who do you think could tell them about God’s love and Jesus?] Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear God, Thank you for taking care of us. Help us to take care of / other people / who are hurting. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	





