

Sola Publishing Children’s Message Pentecost 18 – Year A		SOLA 
Just Do It!		
Readings	1) Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32 2) Philippians 2:1-4,5-13, 14-18 3) Matthew 21:23-27, 28-32	
Scripture Focus	Matthew 21:28-32	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)		
Message Jesus told a story about a man who had two sons. The man told the younger son, “Go and work in the yard today. Pick up your toys and all the sticks you can find.” The son said, “NO! I don’t want to!” He walked away from his dad and slammed his bedroom door. A few minutes went by and the boy changed his mind and went out to the yard and did what his dad told him to do. Then the dad went to the older son and told him to do the same thing. He said, “Go help your brother pick up the toys and sticks in the yard.” He said to his dad, “Okay dad. I’ll do it.” But then he didn’t do it. When the dad looked out the window the younger son was picking up sticks and the older son wasn’t even outside. Which son did the right thing, the younger one who changed his mind and did what his dad told him to do, or the older son who said he would, but didn’t do what his dad told him to do? Raise your hand. Was it the young one? Or the older one? Even though he didn’t want to do it, he did it. The older son lied to his dad and didn’t do it. What do you think? [For older kids you can tell them that in God’s eyes it’s not about when we do his will, but if we do it.] Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, You know our hearts. Sometimes when we don’t want to do things your way. Help us to do it your way anyway. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	