Sola Publishing Children's Message Pentecost 6 – Year A	SOLA

Don't Do It

Readings	1) Zechariah 9:9-12 2) Romans 7:14-25a 3) Matthew 11:25-30
Scripture Focus	Romans 7:14-20
Take Away	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Picture of you as a child and anybody else in your example. Maybe a picture of an angel (male and no wings) and devil (not too creepy) to sit on your shoulders.

Message

Let me tell you a story. When I was little (show a picture of you as a child about the age of those you're talking to), we had rules in my house. Here are some of them:

1. Be nice to each other.
2. Don't take other people's stuff without asking.
3. NO HITTING.

I knew all those rules and most of the time I followed those rules, but sometimes… sometimes when I was really mad at my sister… I would see her coming and hide behind the corner and when she walked by I would hit her in the arm. It was like I had an angel and a devil sitting on my shoulders telling me what to do. The angel said, "Listen to your mom. Don't hit your sister." But the devil said, "Go ahead! Hit her! She told on you." They went back and forth… Don't hit! Hit! Don't hit! Hit! And as she walked past I just hit her. You know what happened next? Yep. My sister started crying and I got in trouble. My mom would probably ask, "Why did you hit your sister?" My answer… "I don't know." Mom would say, "You know the rules. Tell her you're sorry. Go to your room." When she came to talk to me in my room she would say, "Tell God you're sorry too. He doesn't want you to hit your sister."

Sometimes we do things even when we know it's wrong. It's the devil. He likes it when we're mean because He knows God wants us to be nice. The devil does all kinds of stuff to get us to do things God doesn't like. So… what do we do about it? We say we're sorry to the person we hurt and to God. Then, we pray.

Let's pray.

Repeat Prayer	Dear God, Sometimes we're not nice even when we know You want us to be nice. Help us to be sorry when we do wrong. and try to do what you want. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.

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