

Sola Publishing Children’s Message Pentecost 8 – Year A		SOLA 
Parable of the Weeds		
Readings	1) Isaiah 44:6-8 2) Romans 8:18-27 3) Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	
Scripture Focus	Matthew 13:36-43	
Take Away	Packet of flower seeds to remind them of the faith flower Jesus has planted in their hearts.	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)		
Message Jesus taught people a lot of things through stories called parables. Today I’m going to share one of them with you. It’s called the Parable of the Weeds. What’s a weed? What does a weed do? Do we like weeds with our plants? Nope. We pull them out so our plants can grow up tall and strong. Imagine that Jesus is a farmer. He plants little seeds of faith flowers in our hearts. When they grow, we have good strong faith and our hearts are full of love, joy, peace, and all kinds of good things. But the devil sneaks in and plants weeds in our hearts too. They are sin weeds. Jesus plants faith flowers and the devil plants sin weeds. Those sin weeds try to take over God’s good faith flowers. The only one who can get rid of the sin weeds is Jesus. Someday, we don’t know when, Jesus will come back with his angels and they will pull all the bad weeds out of our hearts and all that will be left in our hearts are the faith flowers. Hooray! As long as we love Jesus and trust him, we don’t have to worry about it. Do you love Jesus? Me too. Should we ask them (congregation)? Do you love Jesus? (They respond.) Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, Thank you for planting seeds of faith in us. Thank you for protecting us from the sneaky devil’s bad seeds. We are sorry when we do bad things. Please forgive us. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	