

| Sola Publishing Children’s Message<br>Pentecost 8 – Year B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                          | SOLA  |
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| Don’t Worry – God’s in Charge!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                          |
| Readings                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1) Amos 7:7-15<br>2) Ephesians 1:3-14<br>3) Mark 6:14-29                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                          |
| Scripture Focus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Mark 6:14-29                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                          |
| Take Away                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | None.                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                          |
| Aids<br>(pics, props, etc.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | If you have some age appropriate kids, they can read Micah and Joey’s parts.                                                                                                             |                                                                                          |
| <b>Message</b><br><br>Do you have a group of friends? There was a young boy named Micah. He was about 11 years old, and he had a group of friends too. One day he was hanging out with his friends. They were talking about everything they heard about Jesus and his disciples. Joey wasn’t there, but came running up and out of breath, he asked, “Did you guys hear what happened to John the Baptist? You know, the guy who was living in the wilderness and telling everyone about Jesus?” The other boys nodded each one saying, “Ya, I remember him.” “I know who he is.” “I saw him once. He smelled like he lived in the wilderness.” The boys laughed. Finally, Micah told them to be quiet and asked, “Joey, what happened to him?”<br><br>Joey took a breath and said, “I heard he’s dead. King Herod chopped his head off!” All the boys looked shocked and were talking quietly to each other. “Chopped his head off? Why?” “You won’t believe it,” Joey said, “He did it because a lady didn’t like what he said and her daughter asked him to do it.”<br><br>The boys didn’t know what to say. They knew that some people didn’t like Jesus and John the Baptist loved Jesus and believe what he said.<br><br>When we follow Jesus, we want to do what he says, but sometimes we don’t want to do what he says. It’s just like when your mom and dad tell you to do something you don’t want to do. You might get mad at them, but you don’t hurt them or anything crazy like chopping off their head. That’s not what Jesus wants. He wants people to do the right thing – what he tells them to do. And if we don’t like it, we live with it.<br><br>So, what do we do? We remember that we don’t have to worry because God is in charge. Don’t worry – God’s in charge. [Have kids say it, maybe twice, loud enough for the people in the back row to hear it.]<br><br>Let’s pray. |                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                          |
| Repeat Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Dear God,<br>Sometimes bad things happen, / but in the end / YOU are in charge.<br>Teach us to trust you / to take care of everything.<br>Thank you for loving us.<br>We love you. Amen. |                                                                                          |