

Sola Publishing Children’s Message Pentecost 25 – Year B		SOLA 
Love God – Love Your Neighbor		
Readings	1) 1 Kings 17:8-16 2) Hebrews 9:24-28 3) Mark 12:28-44	
Scripture Focus	Mark 12:30-31	
Take Away	None	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	If you can, find some pictures of people showing love to others; helping pictures. The images on the next page may not be public domain. They are examples.	
Message Good morning! Have you ever heard of the 10 Commandments? If you haven’t, they’re 10 rules that God gave us that will make our life better if we follow them. One day, Jesus heard some people arguing about which commandment was most important. Jesus walked over to them and said, “The most important is, ‘love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’” Wow! Then Jesus said, the second is this, ‘love your neighbor as yourself.’ Jesus said, there is no other commandment more important than these.” Do you love Jesus? Do you love him enough to tell him? [Have the kids say it out loud, “I love you Jesus!” Have them try again until they and the whole congregation are shouting it. I LOVE YOU JESUS!] Ok. Now that we have that settled, what about the next one, love your neighbor as yourself? Who is your neighbor? Yes, it’s all the people who live in houses near yours, but in the Bible your neighbor is anyone who you see needs help. What can we do to help others? [Options: give them a hug, put a hand on their shoulder, hold their hand, smile at them, listen to them, tell someone they need help, or if we can, help them with something they’re trying to do.] The truth is that when we love God with our whole heart, we’ll want to love other people too. And we’ll want to help them and make them smile. That’s why loving God is most important and loving other people is next. Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Heavenly Father, Thank you for loving us so much, That we can share / that love / with our neighbors. Lord, bless us / with your love / every day. Amen.	



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