

Sola Publishing Children's Message 24 th Sunday After Pentecost – Year C		SOLA 
PARADISE!		
Readings	1) Malachi 3:13-18 2) Colossians 1:13-20 3) Luke 23:27-43	
Scripture Focus	Luke 23:43	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)		
Message Good morning! When Jesus was on the cross, two other men, who were criminals, were also on crosses. They were all going to die. The two men were criminals, but Jesus wasn't. He didn't do anything wrong. One of the men didn't believe Jesus was the Savior and was mean to Jesus. He said, "If you're supposed to be the Savior, why don't you save yourself and us?" But, the other man said, "Hey, aren't you afraid of God because you're going to die up here too? Both of us are criminals and deserve to be punished, but this man (Jesus) didn't do anything wrong." Then the man, who believed in Jesus, looked at him and said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He was saying, "When all this is over and the people who love you go to heaven, don't forget me!" Then Jesus looked at the man and said, "Today you will be with me in paradise ." He told the man that he didn't have to wait. TODAY, when he died, he would be in heaven. Jesus called heaven, paradise. Paradise is a perfect place to live, like the Garden of Eden was. Heaven will be paradise for us! Anyone curious about what heaven will be like? God is there, and where God is, nothing bad can be. So, there will be nothing bad there! Who can tell me something bad that won't be in heaven? (Take a few, then end with...) Those are all great answers. 1. You will never cry. Nothing that makes you feel sad, afraid, mad, or mean will ever happen. You will only feel happy, joy, and love. 2. Your body will be perfect. Nobody will ever get sick or die. You won't fall down and scrape your leg, have to blow your nose, or get an upset tummy. Nothing will ever hurt. 3. All your family and friends who are friends with Jesus will be there. Sounds like paradise to me! Let's pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, You died on the cross / so we can go / to paradise with you. Only you / could do that. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	