

Sola Publishing Children’s Message Pentecost 13 – Year B		SOLA 
Jesus Says Hard Things		
Readings	1) Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 2) Ephesians 5:6-21 3) John 6:51-69	
Scripture Focus	John 6:68-69	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)		
Message Sometimes the Bible says things we don’t understand – they don’t make sense to us, and sometimes it tells us to do things we don’t want to do, and sometimes we may even think it says things that we think are wrong. In the gospel reading today Jesus says that he is the bread of life and anyone who eats that bread will have eternal life. WHAT? He was telling people to eat him – his skin and blood and stuff? Well, that doesn’t make sense. We may even think it’s wrong and creepy. Either Jesus is crazy or we don’t understand what he’s saying. When grown-ups go up for communion the pastor says we’re eating and drinking Jesus’ body and blood. But when we look at it, it’s just a little piece of bread and wine, not body and blood. WHAT? How does that work? I don’t get it! Well, the people who were listening to Jesus talk about it didn’t like it or understand it either. Some of them thought he was crazy, lost their faith, and walked away. Even Jesus’ disciples had a hard time with it. He asked them, “Do you want to go away too?” Simon Peter said, “Lord, who will we go to? We believe that you are the Holy One of God and that You are the way to eternal life.” Even though they didn’t get it, they trusted Jesus and everything they learned from him. So, what about you? Do you believe God created the world? Do you believe that he parted the Red Sea so his people could be saved from the Egyptians? Do you believe Moses saw a bush that wasn’t really burning and God talked to him through it? Do you believe a huge crowd of angels appeared to the shepherds when Jesus was born? Do you believe Jesus healed sick people and woke some up from being dead? Do you think Jesus is God’s son who died on the cross for your sins and came back to life on Easter? If we trust that those things happened, even though we don’t understand how they happened and it doesn’t make sense to us, we can trust that whatever Jesus said in the Bible is true. I don’t know how it works, but I don’t need to know or understand everything God does or says. I just need to believe it. What about you? Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear God, You can do ANYTHING! / Even if I don’t understand it. Help us to always trust you / and the Bible. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	