

Sola Publishing Children’s Message Pentecost 14 – Year B		SOLA 
We Always Do it This Way		
Readings	1) Isaiah 29:11-19 2) Ephesians 5:22-33 3) Mark 7:1-13	
Scripture Focus	Mark 7:1-13	
Take Away	None	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)		
Message		
Sometimes we do the same things over and over. We say, “We always do it this way.” We call it tradition. We have a lot of traditions in church. Sometimes people forget that traditions are things we choose to do, and not things the Bible tells us to do. The Bible tells us to worship, but there are a lot of things in the church that we don’t have to do or we don’t have to have to have. [Walk over and point to some things in the sanctuary that are not commanded, but we have as tradition.] • Stained glass windows. Does the Bible tell us to have those? Nope. • Paraments. Does the Bible tell us to have those? Nope. • Hold up a Bible. Does the Bible tell us to use this? YES. • Baptismal fount. Does the Bible tell us to have this? No, but it does tell us to baptize people and we use this, but we could use water in a bucket or bowl or a lake... or this. • Christmas. What do all the kids in church every Christmas (Some do it on Christmas Eve.) Does the Bible tell us the kids should do a Christmas program/pageant? Nope. • Does the Bible tell us to use an organ or a piano or a band? No, but it does tell us to sing songs to and about Jesus. So, why do we do have these things (gesture to the things we use in church) or do these other things like Christmas programs and Easter Egg hunts? Because they’re tradition. There’s nothing wrong with tradition as long as it helps people know Jesus better. How does the Christmas program help people know Jesus? [We share the story of Jesus’ birth with people.] How do these pretty things in the church help people to know Jesus? [They help us pay attention to where we are and what we’re supposed to be doing when we worship. They also help us remember how special and important God is.] Traditions are a good thing, as long as we remember they are supposed to help people know Jesus better. Let’s pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear God, Help us to follow / what you want / and not what we want. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen.	