

Sola Publishing Children's Message Pentecost 16 – Year B		SOLA 
He can hear and talk!		
Readings	1) Isaiah 35:4-7a 2) James 2:1-10, 14-18 3) Mark 7:24-30, 31-37	
Scripture Focus	Mark 7:31-37	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)		
Message Have you ever been sick or got hurt? You got better, right? Have you ever gone to the doctor because you needed help getting better? Sometimes people get hurt or sick and there's nothing doctors can do to make them better. There are also a lot of people who have things wrong with them, but can live a long life. Some people are blind – they cannot see – and the doctors can't fix their eyes. Some people have things wrong with their physical body. They may have been in an accident and only have one arm or one leg, or no legs. They get along okay and can live a good life. Some people are deaf – they cannot hear – and the doctors can't fix their hearing. Today's story is about a man who had a problem. One day, a bunch of people brought a man who couldn't hear and had a problem talking to Jesus. The people begged Jesus to put his hands on the man and heal him. Jesus took the man a little bit away from the people where they couldn't see. He put his fingers in the deaf man's ears (show them), he spit (probably in his hand) and touched the man's tongue (show them). After that, he looked up to heaven and said, "Be open." What do you think happened after that? The man could hear and he could speak just like everybody else!! What do you think the man did when he could hear and talk? Was he happy? Excited? Did he jump up and down? Did he hug Jesus? What would you do if you were him? When the people found out the man was healed, they were amazed, but Jesus told them not to tell anyone. Of course, the more Jesus told them not to tell, the more they told people. What do you think they said? The people said, "He has done all things well. The man can hear and speak!" It was a miracle that ONLY Jesus could do!! Jesus is better than any doctor. Let's pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear God, Only you / can heal anyone / from anything. Help us / to always trust you / and believe / what the Bible says. Thank you for loving us. We love you, Jesus. Amen.	