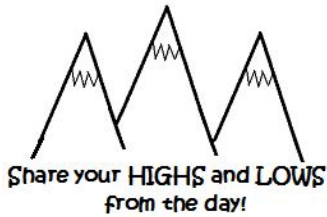


The Pass-the-Plate Devos

"Families passing on the faith as they pass their plates at the Family Table on the week of Dec 14th"



Are you someone who is happy with what you have or are you someone who always seems to want more? Why do you think this is?



1. What does John call the crowds who were coming to be baptized by him?
2. What does John say about trees that do not produce good fruit?
3. The people grew worried that they might not be considered trees who have produced good fruit. How did John answer the crowd when the crowd asked, "What should we do then?"
4. How did John answer the tax collectors when they asked, "What should be do?"
5. How did John answer the soldiers when they asked, "What should we do?"
6. If your family would have asked John, "What should we do?" how do you think John would answer? What would he tell your family to do?

BIBLE FOCUS: LUKE 3:7-14

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." "What should we do then?" the crowd asked. John answered, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." Tax collectors also came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" "Don't collect any more than you are required to," he told them. 14Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely—be content with your pay."

THE WORD OF THE LORD! **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Family Challenge



As the weather continues to grow colder, remember those who may not have the clothing they need to stay warm. Count every coat or jacket in your home, and for each one put 25 cents into an offering to give to your church, a charity – or even to the Salvation Army Santas!

- For every hat your family has, put 10 cents in your offering.
- For every pair of mittens or gloves, put 10 cents in your offering.
- For every pair of shoes, (not just winter shoes!) put a nickel in your offering.