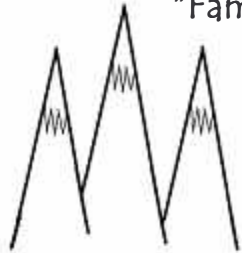


THE FAMILY TABLE DEVOS

"Families practicing the presence of God with the Word of God on the week of Dec 31st"



Share your **HIGHS** and **LOWS**
from the **YEAR!**

1. What was the funniest thing that happened to you this year?
2. What was your highlight of 2006?
3. What was your lowlight of 2006?
4. How has God helped you this past year?
5. What have you learned in 2006?
6. What memory are you most thankful for?

Bible Focus Luke 2:41-52

41Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. 42When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. 43After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. 44Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. 45When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. 46After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." 49"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" 50But they did not understand what he was saying to them. 51Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. 52And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

THE WORD OF THE LORD! THANKS BE TO GOD!

1. Have your parents ever accidentally left you somewhere. If so, where and when?
2. How old was Jesus in this story?
3. How do you think Mary and Joseph felt when they couldn't find Jesus for THREE DAYS?!
4. What was Jesus doing in the temple?
5. What did Mary ask Jesus when she found Him in the temple?
6. What did Jesus say to Mary?
7. The Bible says Jesus grew in STATURE - which means He got taller and bigger. Jesus grew in WISDOM - which means He got smarter and was able to understand more. Jesus grew in FAVOR WITH GOD - which means God was proud of Him. Jesus grew in FAVOR WITH MEN - which means the people who saw Jesus were impressed with Him. Which of these four ways would you like to grow?

Family



Challenge

Make a New Year's Resolution as a family. What can you all commit to together? Think of ways to remind yourselves of this commitment!

Prayer



Request

Think of one thing for your family to pray for and one thing to pray for in another family! Remember to BLESS THE NEW YEAR!