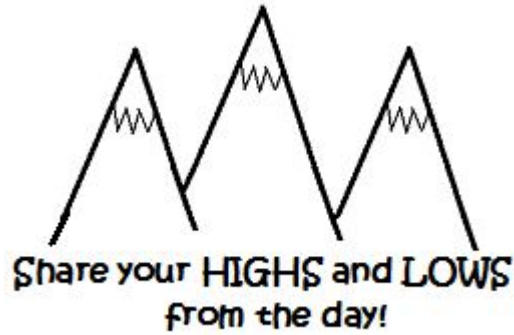


THE FAMILY TABLE DEVOS

"Families practicing the presence of God with the Word of God on the week of Dec 13th"



❧ What is the one thing you couldn't live without? ❧

1. What three things do you WANT for CHRISTMAS?
2. There are some kids and families in the world who don't really have WANTS for Christmas . . . instead they have NEEDS. They may not have the food or the clothes or the school supplies that they need for the rest of the year, so they ask for the things they need on Christmas. In the Bible Focus you just read, we are the CROWD. What did John tell the crowd that they should do for the people who didn't have what they needed?
3. What did John tell the soldiers? Is it hard sometimes to be happy with what you have?
4. What can you do to remind yourself that you have everything you need?

BIBLE FOCUS: LUKE 3:7-14

7John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8Produce 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. 9The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not grow good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." 10**"What should we do then?" the crowd asked.** 11John answered, **"The man with two coats should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same."** 12Tax collectors also came to be baptized. "Teacher," they asked, "what should we do?" 13"Don't take any more than you are supposed to," he told them. 14Then some soldiers asked him, "And what should we do?" He replied, "Don't take money and don't accuse people of things they didn't do—be happy with the money you're being paid, and be happy with what you have." **THE WORD OF THE LORD! THANKS BE TO GOD!**

FAMILY CHALLENGE

It's the season of GIVING, SHARING, and RECEIVING! Think of a way your whole family could GIVE or SHARE with another family who may not have as much as your family does. Chances are you'll receive a LOT more than you will give!!!