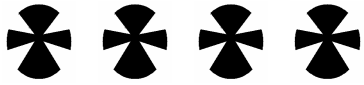


The Table Salt Devos



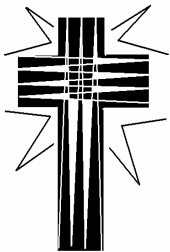
"Adding flavor and preserving tradition at the Family Table on the week of Feb 10th"



If you were going to spend a weekend camping, and could only bring 3 things, what would you bring? Why?



1. Who led Jesus into the wilderness?
2. What did Jesus do in the desert?
3. What was the first temptation presented to Jesus?
4. How did Jesus respond to the first temptation?
5. Where did the devil take Jesus for the second temptation?
6. What offer did the devil make to Jesus on the highest point of the temple?
7. What did the devil promise Jesus in exchange for worship?
8. How did Jesus react to the third temptation?
9. When the devil left, who came to care for Jesus?
10. Everybody will go through "wilderness times." These are times when you feel far from God. These are times when you are tempted, when it's hard to pray, or when you feel alone. Yet, we must remember that it was the Spirit that led Jesus into the wilderness. The Spirit leads us too - through good times and bad times. How can wilderness experiences make you stronger?



FAMILY CHALLENGE

Wilderness experiences are also times of preparation. Jesus' wilderness experience prepared him to begin His ministry. Our time during Lent prepares us for Christ's death – and His resurrection on Easter morning! As a family, write a Lenten meal time prayer that asks God to bless your time together AND to prepare your family for Easter. Post this prayer so that you may use it before meals during Lent.

Bible Focus: Matthew 4:1-11

1Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." 4Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

7Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

8Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." 10Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" 11Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!