

The Table Salt Devos



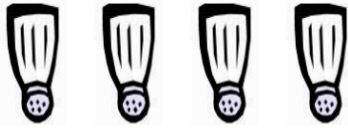
"Adding flavor and preserving tradition at the Family Table on the week of Feb 17th"



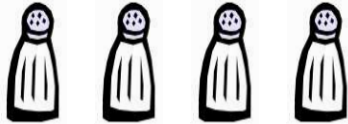
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If you could ask Jesus a question – any question at all (silly or serious) – what would it be?



Bible Focus: John 3:1-17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

1. At what time did Nicodemus, the Pharisee (the teacher of the law), come to visit Jesus? Why this time of day?
2. Why did Nicodemus believe Jesus was from God?
3. Fill in the blank: No one can see the kingdom of God unless _____.
4. What did Nicodemus think Jesus meant when He said that a person must be born again?
5. What did Jesus really mean when he talked about being born again?
6. God loves each of us so much that He claims us through the waters of Baptism. He doesn't care who you are, where you've been, what you've done – you become His when the Holy Spirit is sealed within you and the cross of Christ is marked on your forehead. As a family, finish this sentence together: "For God so loved the world..."



FAMILY CHALLENGE

We have been BORN AGAIN! One of the promises made at baptism is that we will strive for JUSTICE and PEACE through all the earth. One of the ways we can do this is through prayer. Take a newspaper, and give each person a portion of it. Find one thing going on in the world that you can pray for. Say : "God please help __ to __" – or you can say another!