

♥ The Pass-the-Plate Devos ♥

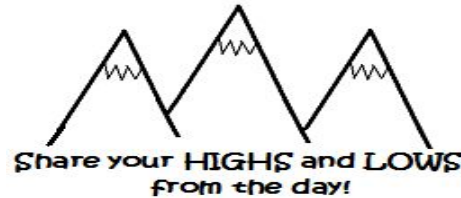
"Families passing on the faith as they pass their plates at the Family Table on the week of May 17"

John 15:9-17

⁹"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

The Gospel of our Lord!

Thanks be to God!



Who is your best friend?
What is he or she like?
What makes you friends?



1. Fill in the blanks of Jesus' words: "As the Father has loved me, so _____."
2. Why did Jesus tell us he loved us?
3. Greater love has no one that what?
4. Jesus will no longer call us servants; instead, what does he call us? What makes us Jesus' friends?
5. If we didn't choose Jesus, who was the one who did the choosing?
6. What did Jesus appoint us to do?
7. What did Jesus command us to do?

♥ FAMILY CHALLENGE ♥

Jesus' command was to love one another. This means that we are to love all people – not just the ones who look like us or the ones who think like us. Think of a way your family can show love to someone far away – even across the world. You may not have even met these before! What will you do? How will you show the world love?