

The Pass-the-Plate Devos

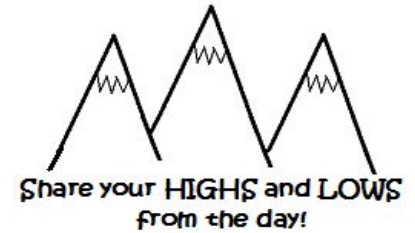
“Families passing on the faith as they pass their plates at the family table on Pentecost”

John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

²⁶“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. ²⁷And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

⁴I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you. ⁵“Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. ⁷But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; ¹⁰in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. ¹²“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. ¹⁵All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to GOD!



If you were asked to draw a picture of the Holy Spirit, what would you draw and why?



1. When you hear the word “counselor,” what do you think of?
2. Why does Jesus say that it was good for him to be going away?
3. Who does Jesus say he is sending to us?
4. How can we let the Holy Spirit help us more fully?
5. What are things the Holy Spirit can help us do?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Close by making the sign of the cross on each other’s foreheads and by saying, “Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.”