

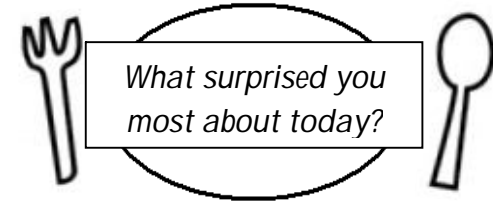
# THE PASS-THE-PLATE DEVOS

"Families passing on the faith as they pass their plates at the Family Table on the week of Oct 11th"

Mark 10:17-31

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." <sup>21</sup>Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. <sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." <sup>28</sup>Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!" <sup>29</sup>"I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel <sup>30</sup>will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

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



1. What did the man who fell to his knees call Jesus? What question does he ask Jesus?
2. Who does Jesus say is good?
3. What commandments does Jesus list?
4. What does the man say about these commandments?
5. Jesus gives the man one more command. What was it?
6. How did the man respond to this command?
7. What does Jesus say in verse 25 about camels and the kingdom of God.
8. The disciples knew that a camel could never enter the eye of a needle, so they asked the question: "Who then can be saved?" What does Jesus say to them in answer to this question?

## **Family Challenge**

It has been said before that there are two kinds of holds. There are the monkey holds and the cat holds. A monkey hold is one in which a baby monkey is in trouble and the mother monkey runs to her baby and swings down to help save it. The baby monkey must reach up its hands and the mother will grab it and bring it to safety.

Cats are different. When a kitten is in trouble, the mother cat runs to her kitten and, with her mouth, scoops the kitten up by the scruff of its neck. The kitten doesn't have to reach out at all!

Which hold – the monkey hold or the cat hold – does the Gospel lesson tell us the Christian life is like? Be sure to share why you chose a particular hold!