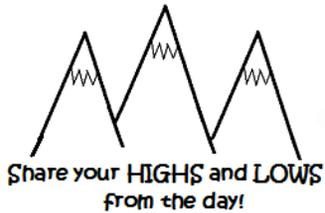


# The Pass-the-Plate Devos

“Families passing on the faith as they pass their plates at the Family Table during the third week of Advent”



Are you someone who seeks to point others to Christ? How do you do this?



1. What was the man's name who was sent from God?
2. Who or what did John come to testify to?
3. Who sent the priests and Levites to question John?
4. John did not claim to be the Messiah, Elijah, or the prophet. Who did he say he was?
5. Who was coming after John, of whom John was “not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal?”

BIBLE FOCUS: JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

<sup>6</sup> There was a **man** sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>19</sup> This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ <sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’ <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ <sup>23</sup>He said, ‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord”’, as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup> Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, ‘Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?’ <sup>26</sup>John answered them, ‘I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.’ <sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

THE WORD OF THE LORD! THANKS BE TO GOD!

## Family Challenge



John's purpose was to point others to Jesus Christ, and so is ours! Think about ways as a family that you are examples of Christ and how other people are shown Jesus through you. What are ways that you can better point to Jesus? Try to put into practice one new way of witnessing to Jesus.