

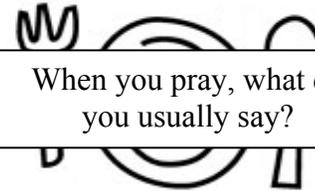
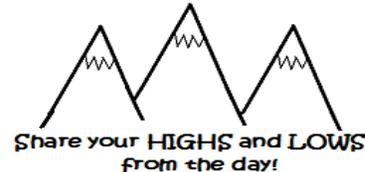
The Pass-the-Plate Devos

"FAMILIES PASSING ON THE FAITH AS THEY PASS THEIR PLATES AT THE FAMILY TABLE DURING THE SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER"

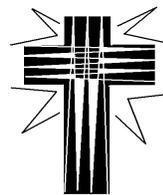
BIBLE FOCUS: JOHN 17:6-19

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that* you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost,* so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.* ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.* ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

The Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!



1. This passage is part of a prayer from Jesus. In what you just read, Jesus was praying for us. What are three things that Jesus prayed for?
2. What do you it means to be "one" with Jesus?
3. What has God sent you into the world to do?



FAMILY CHALLENGE

A reporter once asked Mother Teresa what she often said when she prayed. Mother Teresa answered saying, "Well, I don't say much. I mostly listen." The reporter then asked her, "So what does God say to you?" And again, Mother Teresa answered, "Well, he doesn't say much – he just listens."

As a family, take five WHOLE minutes to sit quietly, and listen to God in prayer.