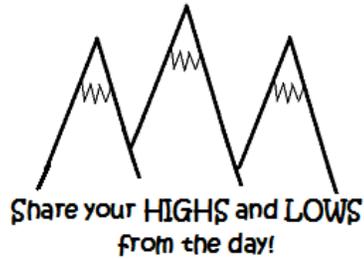


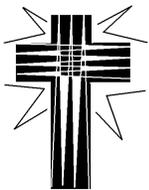
The Pass-the-Plate Devos

"FAMILIES PASSING ON THE FAITH AS THEY PASS THEIR PLATES AT THE FAMILY TABLE ON THE 14TH WEEK OF PENTECOST"



1. Who gathered around Jesus? What did they Jesus' disciples doing?
2. What is the rule that the Jews are supposed to follow when it comes to eating and hand washing?
3. When the Pharisees saw the disciples eating without washing their hands, what did they ask Jesus? How did Jesus answer them?
4. What did Jesus say to the crowd?
5. What makes a person unclean?

FAMILY CHALLENGE



Write a family blessing or prayer that can be said whenever you wash your hands. Begin with "As I wash my hands, may God" or "God, while I was my hands" This way, we can wash our hands, and worship God with our lips AND hearts.

Bible Focus: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

¹The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and ²saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were "unclean," that is, unwashed. ³(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?" ⁶He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

" 'These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

⁷They worship me in vain;

their teachings are but rules taught by men.' ⁸You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men." ¹⁴Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.' " ²¹For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'"

The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!