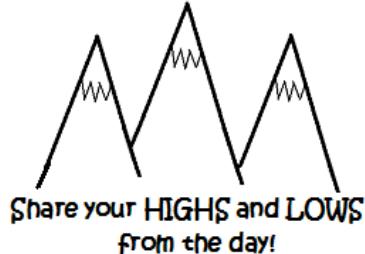
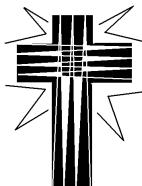


The Pass-the-Plate Devos

"Families passing on the faith as they pass their plates at the Family Table during the 19th week after Pentecost"



1. In this passage, what does Jesus say about males and females in verses 6-10.
2. When two people are married, what happens to the two?
3. Jesus believes that marriage is good and holy – *but* marriage is also not easy. What do you think is difficult about being married? What do you think is fun and comforting about being married?
4. Why do you think marriage is special?
5. When people were bringing their little children to Jesus, what did the disciples do?
6. What say to the disciples? What did he say about little children?



FAMILY CHALLENGE

In the Gospel lesson, Jesus took the little children in his arms, put his hands on them, and blessed them. Today, do the same thing with the members of your family. Give each other hugs, make the sign of the cross on each others' foreheads, and share a blessing with one another. If you have a family blessing – use this one. If you do not, consider writing one together beginning with the words, "May God...."

Mark 10:2-16

²Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³"What did Moses command you?" he replied. ⁴They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." ⁵"It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. ⁶"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' ⁷For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." ¹⁰When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹²And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.

The Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!