

# RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

*a parent page*

## Focus on Faith

### Discovering Jesus' Community

**Y**ou are kneeling quietly during Mass on Sunday. People are still receiving Holy Communion. After your personal prayer, you take a little time to reflect on your fellow parishioners. A large family passes by, the children lively and restless. A retired religious sister returns to her place, her walker clicking on the floor. You notice them all: young, elderly, men, women, some with a sparkle in their eyes, some with "Why am I here?" looks on their faces. God calls everyone. Each of us has something extraordinary to offer. What unique gifts do you bring to his community?

### Dinnertime Conversation Starter

**Y**our child also brings a unique gift to God's community. Explore with him or her what that gift is. What special gifts do other individuals bring?

### In Our Parish

Create a Book-Sharing Box. With your child, decorate a large cardboard box, leaving the top open. Place it in a conspicuous place in your parish. Encourage others to donate books to the sharing box. Use it as a book-swap library: When you take a book, leave a book.



### Spirituality in Action

A simple way to demonstrate sharing is by cooking a meal for someone sick or in need. With your child, plan a simple meal, prepare it, and then deliver it together. Thus, you share your food and, more importantly, your company.



### Focus on Prayer

Your child is learning a simple version of the Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester. Visit [www.FindingGod.org](http://www.FindingGod.org) for the wording of this prayer, and pray it together at bedtime.



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