

# RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page



Christ in the House of His Parents, Sir John Everett Millais

## Focus on Faith

### Jesus' Life and Ours

**W**e do not know very much about Jesus' life on earth. We know about his birth, a little of his infancy, and of one event when he was about 12. Then we learn more about Jesus when he was about 30. Details of Jesus' life are quite scarce. Like any Jewish boy of his time, Jesus learned the traditions of his people. He learned a trade. He obeyed his mother and father. Most of his days, like most of ours, were probably filled with the ordinary things that people do. The simplicity of his life shows us that ordinary days are grace-filled days. In the midst of everyday life, Jesus prepared for his mission. God is also present in our everyday lives. In the loving families that we help God to nurture, ordinary life becomes sacred.

### Dinnertime Conversation Starter

**D**iscuss a good deed that someone in your family observed today. Did someone help when an accident happened? Did someone share a snack? Did this deed inspire your family member to do something good?

## Spirituality in Action

Create an Every Penny Counts! can for your family to help those in need. Decorate a piece of construction paper, label it *Every Penny Counts!*, and glue it to an empty can. Invite members of your family to place a portion of their weekly allowances or earnings in the can. When the can is full, donate the money you have collected to a charitable group.



## Hints for at Home

Jesus said,  
"Do to others whatever you would have them do to you." (Matthew 7:12)

With your family, make a Being Good to Others cross as a reminder to treat people as Jesus teaches. You will need construction paper, scissors, crayons, and glue.

First, cut a cross out of the construction paper. Then have each family member draw and cut a heart shape from a separate sheet of paper. On his or her heart, each person should write one way to be good to others. Glue the hearts to the cross and discuss how each idea follows what Jesus teaches us about treating other people as we want to be treated.



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## Focus on Prayer

**Your child has been reflecting on the ways in which Jesus led a life of total commitment to God. Spend a few quiet moments of reflection with your child as you think of ways you and your family might share the love of Jesus with one another.**

