

RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page

Focus on Faith

God Says That the World Is Good

Children love surprises. They soak up new experiences every day and ask many *why* questions about the way things work. It may not always benefit your child to hear these questions—such as “Why is the sky blue?”—answered only with scientific explanations. Instead, a story about how the blue color of the sky reminds us to honor Jesus’ mother, Mary, might sound just right to your child. The first chapter of Genesis is filled with this kind of wonder. God is the great craftsman who created the sun, moon, and stars and said that they are very good. Perhaps even more amazingly, God keeps everything going day after day, and we awake each morning delighted to see that he has done it again. Children are God’s happy surprises, and they remind us not to take things for granted.

Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Share your memories of a time when your family discovered something wonderful or beautiful about the world.

Spirituality in Action

Take your child to the zoo or a lush park. Encourage your child to use all of his or her senses to notice the surroundings. Ask your child to make observations about the animals or plants. Then share with one another an appreciation of these wonders that God has made.



Hints for at Home

Work with your child to create a collage representing the natural wonders that God has created. Use magazine clippings, poster board, and other materials to create the collage. Hang it in a special place in your home.



Focus on Prayer

Your child is learning to pray the Doxology, or Glory Be to the Father. Pray the prayer together often as a family to facilitate memorization. Begin the Glory Be to the Father with the Sign of the Cross.

