

# RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

*a parent page*

## Focus on Faith

### What Our Children Are Learning

**L**uke tells the story of the young boy Jesus in the Temple, listening to the teachers and impressing them with his wisdom and understanding. When Mary and Joseph come looking for Jesus, he tells them that he is doing his Father's business. Nevertheless, Jesus goes home and is obedient to them. Consider the source of Jesus' wisdom and understanding. Jesus learned all of these things within the context of his loving home. Mary and Joseph shared with him their understanding of God. They taught him the traditions of his people. Jesus' insights were based on his daily experience in the home. When our children leave home for school or play, they take with them the wisdom and understanding that we have taught them. What are we teaching them that they will share?

### Dinnertime Conversation Starter

**S**hare with your child traditions that you bring from your childhood home and that you hope will become his or her traditions as well. Explain why these traditions are important to you.

### Spirituality in Action

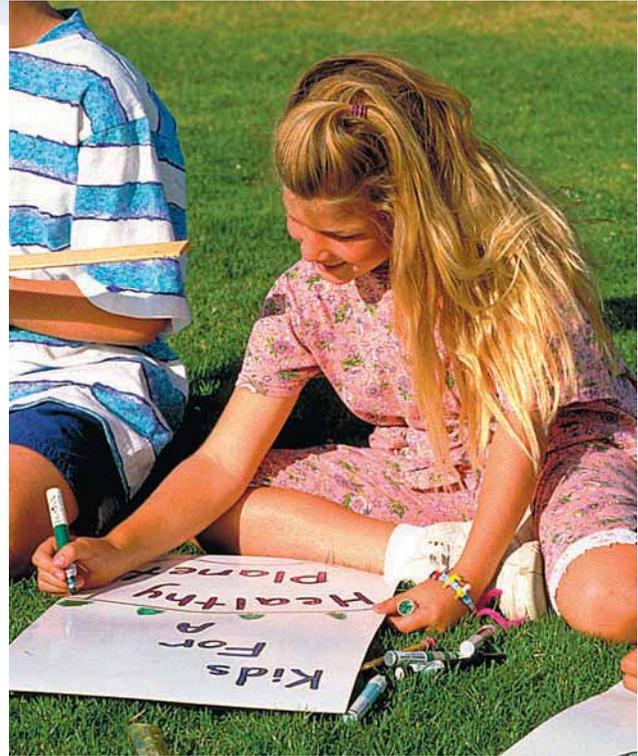


Share with your child pictures and memories of your marriage ceremony. What were your hopes and dreams as your family grew?

### Focus on Prayer

**Your child is learning the prayers to pray before and after meals. Pray them together as a family at mealtimes. You can find the exact words for these prayers at [www.FindingGod.org](http://www.FindingGod.org).**

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### Hints for at Home

Your child has thought of some ways to make your home a place of prayer, love, and sharing. Talk with your child about those ways. Also think of ways that you yourself can work toward this goal. They could be as simple as spending more time doing things together or setting aside a certain time for prayer. You might want to prepare a weekly or monthly sheet, with headings such as those shown below, on which family members can write personal promises.



This week/month I will share my time with my family by . . .

This week/month I will give to my family by . . .

This week/month I promise to keep my home a place of peace by . . .