

RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page



Focus on Faith

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

It was not very long ago that your child was welcomed into your family. There are the memories of birth, the first days at home, and the gentle expectation surrounding the new life. These memories can be stirred when you run across photos or videotapes of the event or a baptismal certificate.

The child in your arms was initiated into new life in Christ. Your child became permanently bonded in Christ through Baptism. In the process your relationship with your child became deeper than that of parent to child. You and your child became brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. How does your awareness of this deeper bond influence your relationship with your child?

Spirituality in Action



Your child is learning about stewardship—giving time, treasure, and talents in the service of the Church and the community. Encourage and help your child in any appropriate service he or she undertakes. Try to set an example for

your child by using your own talents in some way for the Church. For example, you might help at Mass or cook for community dinners.

Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Place a photo, a candle, or other baptismal memorabilia for each child in the center of the dinner table. Share with each child a memory of his or her Baptism. Tell each child why his or her Baptism was an important choice for you.



Focus on Prayer

Your child has reflected on how to be a living sign of Jesus on earth, how to show his or her faith to the world. Spend time in prayer with your child as each of you completes the following sentences privately. “I show my faith in Jesus and the Church when I” “I give service to the Church and to the community when I”



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Hints for at Home

With your child, review stories of your Baptism. Talk about the choice of your name, your godparents, and your baptismal gown. View photos or a video of the Baptism and end with a prayer of thanks for the gift of faith.