

# RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page



## Focus on Faith

### Making Memories

**A** mother asked her grown daughters what some of the happiest memories from their childhood were. Both of them enthusiastically replied that it was the times when the family went camping; they treasured watching their mother create a little piece of home around the tent and the picnic table at the campsite. They enjoyed having no phones or television sets and leaving the daily concerns of life behind for a few days. Memories such as these are the glue that bind a family and make it strong. These memories depend on feelings of togetherness, not on money or material goods. What memories are you creating for your children today?

### Dinnertime Conversation Starter

**A**sk your child about his or her favorite memory of something your family did. What makes it so special and memorable? Share your favorite family memory as well.

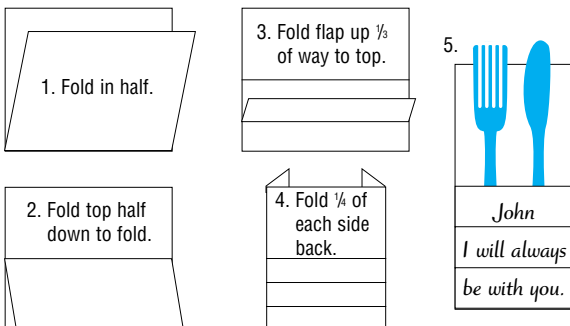


## Our Catholic Heritage

Tell your child stories about Catholics who truly show they love and serve the Lord. Use examples of Catholics from your own parish or area or research Web sites such as the one for the Maryknoll Missionaries. ([www.maryknoll.org](http://www.maryknoll.org))

## Hints for at Home

Make Origami Folded-Paper Napkins. Talk with your child about how we grow closer to one another when we share meals together. On the finished, folded napkin, write the name of a guest and the words *I will always be with you.*



## Focus on Prayer

**Pray with your child at mealtimes. Talk with your child about why we pray before and after we share a meal.**

