

# RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

*a parent page*



## Focus on Faith

### God Created Us Because He Loves Us

**W**hen you walk into your child's bedroom, what do you see? What is it that makes the room unique? Perhaps you see the quilt that was specially made by Grandma. Maybe pictures of sports or cartoon heroes adorn a wall. Books on dinosaurs or other favorite animals may fill bookcases. Drawings of dragons or butterflies may decorate the room. Think for a moment how much you can learn about your child by noticing the things collected and loved by him or her. In much the same way, we receive a reflection of who God is through the things present in his world. When we look thoughtfully at the world he created and when we note the things with which he surrounds us, we truly discover his love and caring for us.

### In Our Parish

Your child is beginning to learn the meaning of the Mass as liturgy. Guide your child to fold his or her hands at the appropriate times during Mass, and be sure to compliment your child when this is done correctly.

### Spirituality in Action



We serve God when we serve others. Talk to your child about ways he or she can care for others. Tell your child how your parish community helps others, whether it be through food drives, bake sales, or volunteer work. Additionally, the Family Cares organization is an excellent resource for families that are interested in learning how they can change the world

around them through charity work. Through simple and engaging projects, activities, and volunteer work, Family Cares offers numerous practical ideas to parents for developing a sense of charity and goodwill in their children. Visit the organization at [www.familycares.org](http://www.familycares.org).

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### Dinnertime Conversation Starter

**T**alk about something you saw today that reminded you of your child. Then ask family members to take turns sharing their impressions of things they saw that reminded them of God. Point out how these things demonstrate his love for us.

### Focus on Prayer

**Your child is learning how to fold his or her hands, a gesture that shows honor and love for God while praying. This gesture also shows that we belong to Jesus. Fold hands with your child while reflecting silently. Be sure to pray the Sign of the Cross together at the beginning and end of prayer time.**

