

RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page



Focus on Faith

God, Our Loving Father

What a wonderful foster father Joseph was to Jesus. From the time Jesus was born, Joseph cared deeply for Jesus, protecting him, loving him, and teaching him. In return Jesus had the greatest respect for Joseph.

It can be a little frightening and overwhelming to know that we are our children's primary teachers in life. The family environment is where fundamental values are first formed and where children are taught what it means to be a loving parent. What children learn in the home will heavily influence how they respond when hearing that Jesus tells us to refer to God as Father.

Hints for at Home

Create a Prayer Rock. Help your child look for a special rock. Wrap the rock in soft fabric and attach a copy of the poem below while discussing the importance of prayer. Have your child place the fabric-covered rock on his or her pillow, where it will serve as a reminder to think about God each night before bedtime.

*I'm a little prayer rock,
And this is what I'll do:
Put me on your pillow,
Until the day is through.
Then turn back the covers,
Climb into bed with care,
And you will find your prayer
rock sitting right there.
You will then remember
To fold your hands in prayer.
Ask that God will bless you,
And keep you in God's care.*
Author Unknown



Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Share with other members of your family something you have learned from each of them. Ask them to do the same. This is a great opportunity to observe how your child interprets your words and actions.

Our Catholic Heritage



Many people of many backgrounds contributed to the writing of the Bible, which occurred over a span of about 1,500 years. It remains the best-selling book in history.

Focus on Prayer

Your child is making a home for Jesus in his or her heart. Encourage prayer by lighting a candle or playing soft music. Sit quietly with your child and talk to Jesus in your hearts.

