

# RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page



## Focus on Faith

### What Is God Like?

Children can ask what may seem like impossible questions. One of these is “What is God like?” All sorts of abstract answers come to mind. Words such as *all-powerful* and *almighty* swirl in our heads. The Christian answer is to look to Jesus Christ. He is the one who came to tell us and show us what God is like. God is our loving Father. Jesus shows us how to love. Our children are receiving their fundamental understanding of what God is like from the way we relate to them. From us they are learning how a loving parent acts. From us they are learning the dignity of being a brother or sister in Jesus.

### Our Catholic Heritage

The Second Vatican Council was a major event in the recent history of the Catholic Church. This meeting of bishops from around the world was called by Pope John XXIII in 1959. The council opened on October 11, 1962. It instituted numerous changes in liturgical practices, the most striking of which was the use of native languages—instead of Latin—in celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments. Greater understanding and communication among Christian churches was another major outcome of the Council.



### Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Encourage your child to ask questions about God and about your family’s religious practices. Together look for answers to puzzling questions.

### Focus on Prayer

Renew your belief in Jesus’ saving mission by saying the Apostles’ Creed together with your child. You can find the exact words to the Apostles’ Creed at [www.FindingGod.org](http://www.FindingGod.org).

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### Spirituality in Action

Visit the cathedral in your diocese or a shrine or any other special place of worship. Help your child see that he or

she is united in Christ with many people in many other places who share the same faith and liturgy.