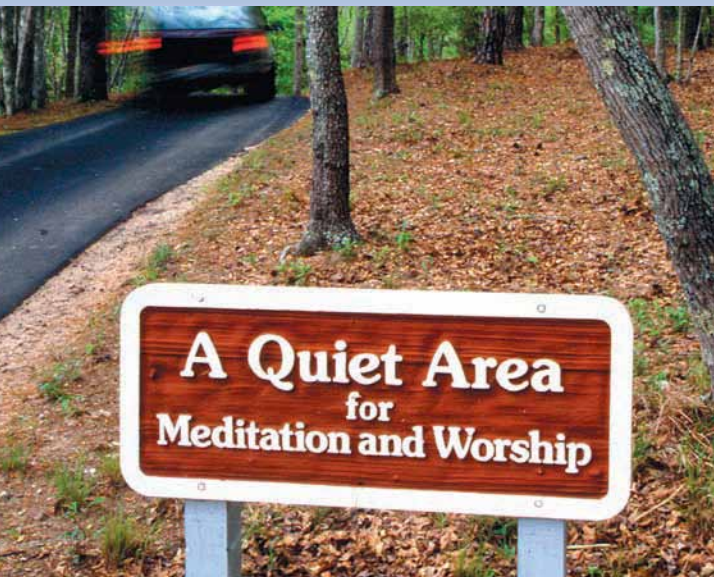


# RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

*a parent page*



## Focus on Faith

### God Resides in Each of Us

The children came home from the hill where they were playing. They were excited to have that space to play on but could not put into words why it was so special. On reflection one of the children realized that the place was so special because it excited his imagination; he could see possibilities for a dozen kinds of games to play. We all have places where we go that have special meaning in our lives, sacred spaces where we feel inspired and especially close to God. For ancient Jewish society that place was the Temple in Jerusalem. For us it can be our parish church where we have space to quiet ourselves in God's presence and a community of people with whom we are a sign of God's presence in the world.

### Hints for at Home

As a family, talk about the discrimination you see at school, at work, at church, and in your neighborhood. Decide on a plan that your family members can follow when they witness or are victims of discrimination.



### Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Share with your children what your special places were as a child and why you liked them. Ask your children to share their feelings about places that are special to them.



### Focus on Prayer

In this session your child prayed a prayer to the Holy Spirit. Write a prayer with your family that helps you remember that your home and your family are places in which the Holy Spirit dwells.

### In Our Parish

Ask one of your church leaders to talk with your family about the history of your church and its present-day goals. Then agree on a day on which your family can create a poster illustrating the history. Let your child choose how to design the poster. Use photographs, magazine clippings, watercolors, markers, colored pencils, or any other medium.