RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page

Focus on Faith

The Promise of a Savior

In this session your child has discussed the story of the sin of Adam and Eve and its effect on our human condition. Having lost our trust in God, we are increasingly distrustful of one another. Television has made all of us witnesses to the results of that distrust in the world. In school and in their relationships with friends, our children are experiencing doubt, disappointment, and anxiety. As parents, we can feel quite helpless when confronting these issues.

In the midst of the disorder Adam and Eve created, God promised a savior. This promise was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. In the midst of the disorder in our lives, we are examples to our children of what it means to live in the saving presence of Jesus.

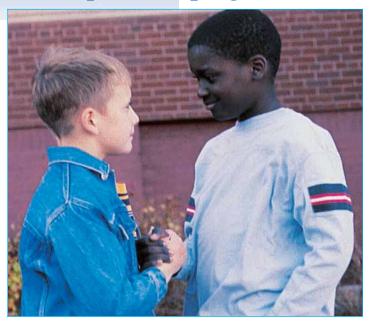
Dinnertime Conversation Starter

When events in the world dominate the conversation, listen attentively to the concerns of your child and answer questions honestly. Find a time to pray together for the needs of the world.

Hints for at Home



Work with your child to make a drawing or diorama of what the Garden of Eden may have looked like. What kinds of plants and animals might have been there? You may wish to read the Bible passage together in Genesis 2:5–25. Talk about where you might find some of the same things in the world around you.



Our Catholic Heritage

An old story tells that the rose grew without thorns in the Garden of Eden. After Adam

and Eve sinned, the rose took on thorns to remind people of the fall from grace. The beauty and fragrance of the flower remain as a reminder of paradise.



Your child prayed the Act of Hope. Say the prayer together as a family.

Discuss the importance of maintaining a good relationship with God and with others. You can find the words to the



Act of hope at www.FindingGod.org.