

# RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

*a parent page*



## Focus on Faith

### Bringing Our Children to Jesus

One of the most touching scenes in the New Testament is in the Gospel of Mark when Jesus shows his love for and devotion to children. During this event, people were bringing their children to Jesus for his blessing, but his disciples tried to send them away. Jesus was upset by the actions of his disciples and insisted that they bring the children to him. Jesus then embraced and blessed the children. As parents, we have a daily opportunity to help our children discover who Jesus is for them. In what ways do we act as the disciples did, keeping our children away from Jesus? In what ways are we bringing Jesus and our children together?

### Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Encourage your child to bring friends into your home and discuss with him or her ways to make friends feel welcome and special.



### Hints for at Home

Being Like Jesus	
I was kind.	★ ☆ ☆ ☆
I helped.	★ ☆
I played nicely.	★ ☆ ★ ☆ ☆
I listened.	★ ★ ☆
I was polite.	★ ☆ ☆

Discuss with your child the many ways we show others signs of our love and caring. Then, together, make a chart for your child to track

the times that he or she is especially thoughtful or kind. Whenever he or she performs a kind or considerate deed, fill in the appropriate box with a mark or a sticker. When the chart is filled up, present your child with a reward for his or her behavior.

### Focus on Prayer

Praying the Sign of the Cross is a good way to show Christian faith. Practicing it with your child will make it easier for him or her to learn it.

### Spirituality in Action

Talk with your child about people who are homeless and ways we can show them signs of caring. Help can be given in a variety of ways, whether it be through a donation of



time, supplies, or money. A simple way to get involved is by making care packages of common items and delivering them to shelters. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap,

hairbrushes, socks, and towels are always useful. As you make up these packages together, discuss with your child the importance of helping others.