

RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page

Focus on Faith

Jesus Is Alive in Us

After learning that Jesus had been resurrected, the women left his tomb, overjoyed and eager to share the news with the rest of the disciples. While on their way, they met Jesus, who told them to tell the others that he would meet them in Galilee. In saying this, Jesus meant that if his disciples truly wanted to join him, they should not linger in the past; instead, they should celebrate his new way of being alive in the present. Similarly we, too, should look for daily opportunities to join Jesus. Each day we can seek him in the people we meet and serve. An especially important opportunity presents itself through our growing children: As they grow in their faith and love, they offer us new ways of discovering Jesus' presence in our world.

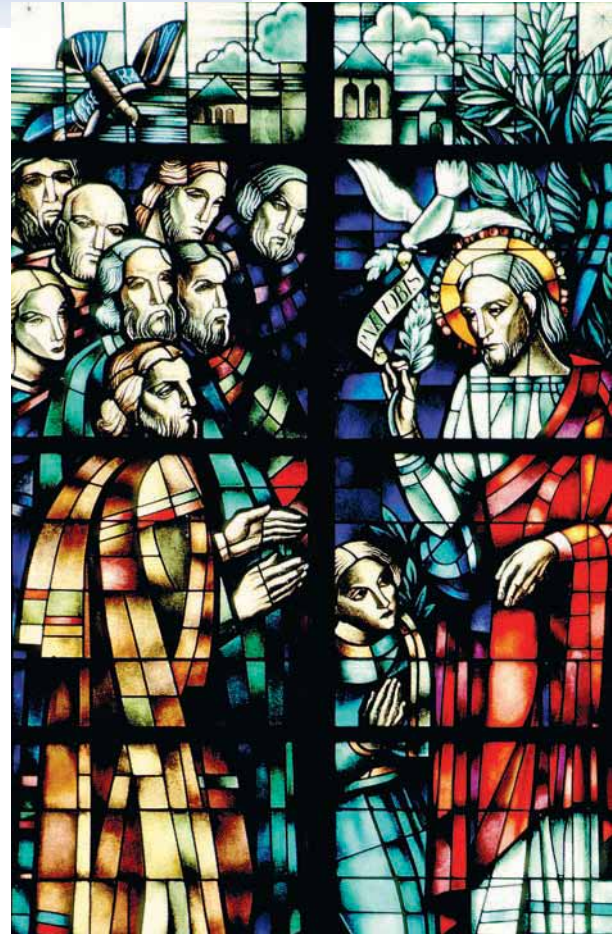
Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Tell your children to imagine that Jesus is at the dinner table with you tonight. What do you want to tell him or ask him? What do you think he will tell you?

Spirituality in Action



Arrange for a group of children or your child's class to visit an assisted living home. Children can sing songs they learned or bring board games to play with the retirees. Explain to the children that they can bring the joy of God to people who are sick and, perhaps, lonely.



Hints for at Home

Ask your child to think of a happy time you had together. Reminisce about that time. Afterward, point out how sharing these memories made that time come alive again. Explain that this is an important way that Jesus is alive among us. Jesus is present whenever we are gathered in his name and loving one another. Create a collage of happy memories, using photos or drawings.



Focus on Prayer

Your child has learned that when people gather in Jesus Christ's name, he is there with them. Invite your child to pray with you. When you finish, spend a few moments in silence, enjoying the presence of Jesus.

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