

RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page

Focus on Faith

Loving as God Loves

When Blessed Mother Teresa was laboring for the poor, a reporter asked her what she thought about being called a saint. She replied that we are all called to be saints. She was called to be a saint in what she did, and the reporters, cameramen, and producers were called to be saints in what they did. This is the biblical understanding of what it means to be holy. A holy person is someone who responds to God's call to love him and serve others. As parents we also are called to be holy. We respond to God's call by serving our family members and by showing them God's love.

Dinnertime Conversation Starter



Recall with your family memorable people who have touched your lives. What made them special? How did they serve God and others?

Hints for at Home

With your child create Happy Hand Towels for a homeless shelter. You will need new hand towels and a black permanent marker. Invite your child to draw a smiley face on each towel; ask him or her to write an upbeat message, such as *Jesus loves you* or *Blessed are the clean of heart* on each. With your family deliver the completed towels.

Focus on Prayer

Your child has learned the importance of praying for help in making good choices. With your child take a few moments to offer a prayer for help when making difficult choices.



Spirituality in Action

Go with your child to visit a sick or elderly relative, neighbor, or parishioner. Bring along a snack, holy cards, magazines, and a board game. Spend some time visiting, talking, and playing the game with the elderly friend. Afterwards ask your child to share how he or she felt during the visit. Reinforce the idea that when we reach out to those in need, we are loving our neighbors.

