

RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page

Focus on Faith

Welcoming the Stranger

What does it mean to serve the Kingdom of God? The following story helps us answer this question. A brother and sister were talking at a family reunion. The brother had drifted away from the Church but liked to argue points of Christian doctrine. The sister was a member of a prayerful religious community that cared for others. The brother tried to engage his sister in an intellectual debate about God and Christianity. She told him that she wasn't interested in debating these issues. She told him that if he wanted to discover what she thought about God, he should spend time with her community and join in her life of service. By extending this invitation, she was asking him to become a participant in serving the Kingdom of God.



Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Discuss with your child whom you might pray for today. How can you help others feel welcome after Mass or at school?



Spirituality in Action

Consider the needs of those in your parish who might require special care, particularly the elderly. Work with your child to create a special Bag of Cheer for an elderly person. Use a brown bag and decorate the outside with drawings or pictures from magazines. Invite your child to print a cheerful message on the bag. Then fill the bag with special gifts of cheer such as tea bags, cookies, holy cards, homemade bookmarks, and sample-size toiletry items. Deliver the package with your child.



Hints for at Home

As God's creation, we are all reflections of his love. As we seek to be more like Jesus, we can spread God's love to others. Create a sign that reads "I am reflecting the love of Jesus!" Post the sign over a mirror in your home as a reminder that your family can spread love and kindness each day.

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Focus on Prayer

Help your child learn the importance of respecting people with special needs.

