

RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

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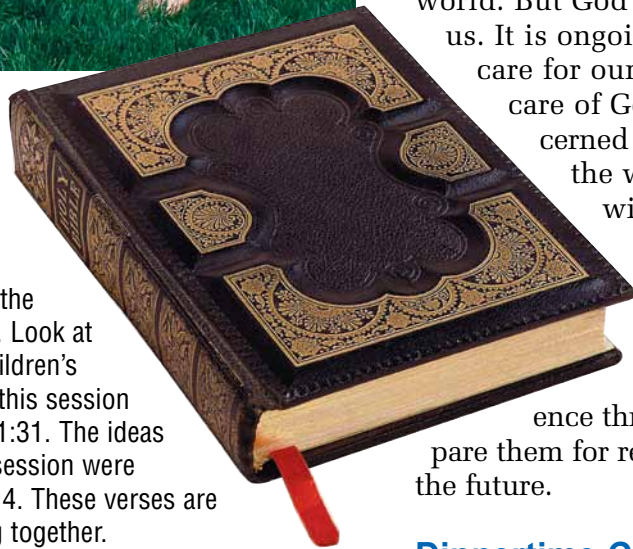
Focus on Faith

In Safe Hands With God

An old spiritual tells us “He’s got the whole world in his hands.” It is a vivid personal image of God, one that we are not always used to seeing. Many images of God show him looking at us from a distance. We can even be tempted to think that he is absent from the world. But God’s care for us is always with us. It is ongoing and personal. Our gentle care for our children is like the gentle care of God. Our children may be concerned about what is happening in the world and wondering what will happen in the future. In the caring environment that we create, we can help give the assurance of God’s gentle care and concern. The gentle care that our children experience through us today will help prepare them for recognizing God’s presence in the future.

Hints for at Home

God teaches us through the Bible, which is his Word. Look at your family Bible or a children’s Bible with your child. In this session your child read Genesis 1:31. The ideas for praising God in this session were based on Psalm 148:7–14. These verses are good choices for reading together.



Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Discuss favorite things you do together as a family and ways you show your love for one another.

Spirituality in Action

Emphasize to your child the importance of caring for our world. Separate items at home for recycling and encourage your child to recycle. You might explain that sharing clothes and games with younger brothers and sisters by “handing them down” is one kind of recycling. With your child, go through clothes and toys. Place unused or outgrown items that are in good condition in a “sharing bag” for a homeless shelter.



Focus on Prayer

The Apostles’ Creed is our special faith prayer. Your child has learned the first sentence of the Creed. Help your child to practice praying this sentence. The complete Apostles’ Creed can be found at www.FindingGod.org.

Your child also has reflected on the wonders of God’s creation and about how to care for the things in our world. Spend some quiet time with your child thinking about the beauty in nature, or take a nature walk together. Share your thoughts, if you wish, or talk with Jesus silently.

