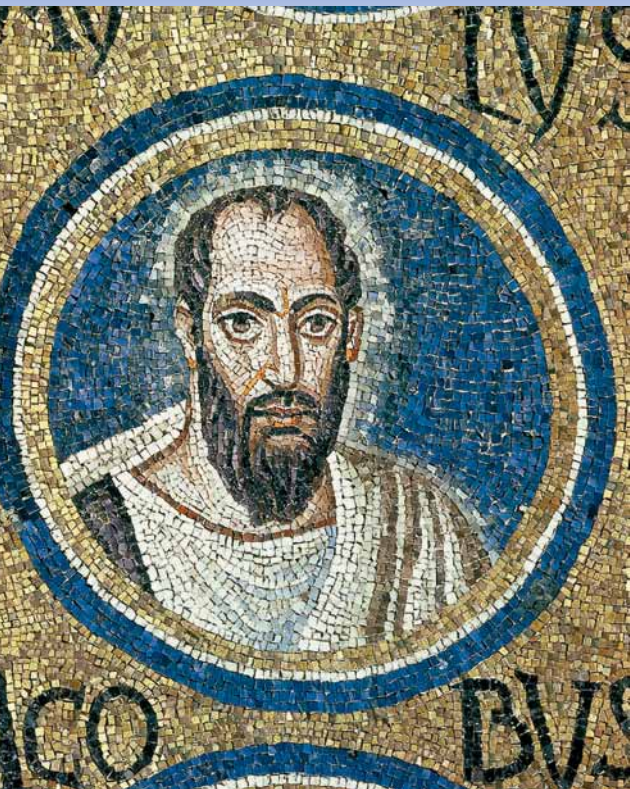


RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page



Mosaic of Saint Paul, Ravenna, Italy

Focus on Faith

We Find Jesus Christ in the Church

Saul thought that he was doing something good by defending his faith. In doing so, however, he was persecuting Christians. As he traveled one day, he felt himself thrown to the ground and struck blind. A voice asked, “Why are you persecuting me?” It was the voice of Jesus Christ. On that day Saul became the apostle Paul, the great missionary to the Gentiles. Today Jesus is calling us to be members of the same Church. We celebrate our becoming members of the Church in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Within the Church, we find our companions in faith on the journey to God.

Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Paul was quick to respond to Jesus’ call. Discuss with your child the things in his or her life that make following Jesus difficult at times.

Hints for at Home

Talk to your child about the importance of godparents in the Sacrament of Baptism. You may want to have your child write a note to his or her godparents thanking them for what they have meant in your child’s life. You could arrange a visit with them to talk about their memories of your child’s Baptism.



Spirituality in Action

Help your child understand our call to belong to the People of God. Make an effort to meet other people in your parish. Treat them as family, always being friendly and respectful. Remind your child to treat everyone he or she encounters, such as a bus driver or a crossing guard, with respect.

Focus on Prayer

Your child has reflected on the Sacraments of Initiation, especially Baptism and Eucharist. Spend time talking with your child about these special events. Talk about the importance of thanking God for welcoming him or her into the Church at Baptism. Talk about thanking God for his gift of Jesus in the Eucharist.

