

RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page



St. Monica, Lu Bro

Hints for at Home

Talk with your child about the importance of making moral choices. Be available to listen and help your child make decisions. With your child, examine the object of the decision, the intended action, and the circumstances of his or her choice to see whether all are good.



Focus on Prayer

Your child is learning the Morning Offering. Help him or her to form a habit of praying this prayer each morning. You can find this prayer at www.FindingGod.org. Emphasize that your child can count on Jesus and you to help him or her grow closer to God.



www.findinggod.com

Focus on Faith

Praying for Our Children

Saint Monica (332–387) was the mother of Saint Augustine. Wanting to follow his own desires, Augustine made bad decisions and pursued a worldly lifestyle. All during this time Monica loved and prayed for her son to make the right choices. She finally witnessed his conversion and saw him baptized at the age of 33. Augustine went on to become a bishop and a great Christian writer. Monica, the patron of married women and a model for Christian mothers, is a great example of persistence and faithfulness in prayer. As parents we recognize in Saint Monica a kindred spirit who prays with us that our children may make good choices and turn toward Jesus.

Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Talk with your child about the importance of praying often, even when it seems that God is not listening. What does your family want to pray for today?

Spirituality in Action

Talk with your child about why rules are important. Review some rules that family members follow at home, and talk about how the rules help your family to function well. If there are no formal rules, brainstorm with your child to settle on a few rules that everyone should follow. Together, write down some rules as family commandments and hang them on the refrigerator.

