

# RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page

## Focus on Faith

### Discovering the Holy Spirit in Our Relationships

**T**hrough a misunderstanding, a first-grade boy was left alone after school on his first day. He did not know where to go or what to do. As his older sister was leaving school, she realized that her brother might be alone and confused. She went to his classroom, found him, and walked him home. Her care and concern for her brother helped her to respond instinctively to his need for help. Upon reflection, we realize that it is in moments like these that we discover God alive in our family relationships. But these moments do not just happen. They are based on the daily practice of centering our lives on Jesus and following where the Holy Spirit leads us.



### Dinnertime Conversation Starter

**H**as anyone in your family been found when he or she was lost? Share the stories with your child.

Assure your child of your constant protection and guidance.

### Spirituality in Action

Encourage your child to be obedient to you and respectful to other family members. Strive for peace and harmony in your home. Set a Christian example for your household by being respectful of other people's feelings and needs.

### Focus on Prayer

Your child read a letter of Saint Paul in which he tells some of his friends that he will pray for them (Philippians 1:3–11). Encourage your child to pray for family members in a simple way each night, such as by asking God to bless them. Your child can pray especially for family members who are sick or troubled.

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### Our Catholic Heritage

Your child has read about Saint Louise de Marillac's Sisters of Charity. Her work continues today in the United States and Canada in 13 related women's congregations. The Sisters of Charity federation now has



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about 7,000 members, who share the meaning of God's love through their work worldwide with those who are poor and helpless, and especially those who are elderly.