

# RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page

## Focus on Faith

### Jesus Asks Us to Dream

As parents, we do our best to take care of our children's basic needs. In the story of Jesus and the rich young man, we see that the young man has taken care of the basic needs in his life. He follows the Commandments and Jesus loves him. Then Jesus asks the young man to dream, to go beyond the basics, but the man walks away. Jesus is also asking us to dream. How can we as parents use our imaginations to discover ways to love our children that call us beyond giving them the basic things they need?

### Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Talk about what you think it would be like to follow Jesus. How did he travel? What did he eat? Where did he sleep? What do you think life was like for a follower of Jesus? Would you like to travel with him, or would that be scary?

### Spirituality in Action



If you contribute to a charity, involve your child when you make a donation. Explain what the charity does and how the contributions help. If you are not a regular contributor, you might talk with your child about a charity you could choose to help as a family. Talk with your child about the importance of giving up things we want in order to help those who do not have what they need.

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*Christ and the Rich Young Ruler, Heinrich Hofmann*

## Our Catholic Heritage



In 1910 a number of Catholic charities convened to create a group whose mission in part was to be the "attorney for the poor." The organization that later would be called

Catholic Charities USA was born. Today, more than 1,400 agencies, institutions, and organizations make up the Catholic Charities network. Its mission is to provide high-quality services for people in need, to advocate justice in social structures, and to call the entire Church and other people of good will to do the same. Find out more about Catholic Charities USA at [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org).

## Focus on Prayer

Your child has reflected on the story of the rich young man (Mark 10:17–23). Read the story together and spend a few quiet moments thinking about how you would answer Jesus' call.

You may share your thoughts with your child if you wish, but allow your child to choose whether or not to share his or hers with you.

