

# RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page

## Focus on Faith

### Saint Thomas More

**S**aint Thomas More (1478–1535) was a lawyer devoted to his family. He was a wonderful father of three daughters and one son. He insisted that his daughters be educated, something not usually done at that time. He became Lord Chancellor of England, a very powerful political position. More was asked by the Catholic King Henry VIII to approve his divorcing his wife in order to marry another woman. More, a faithful Catholic, refused, lost his position, and was imprisoned. When he resisted all attempts to change his mind, he was finally executed. Through his ordeal, following Jesus' command to love his enemies, More continued to love Henry VIII. On the day More died, he told the crowd who witnessed his execution, "I die the king's good servant, but God's first."



Sir Thomas More, Hans Holbein the Younger

### Dinnertime Conversation Starter

**A**sk your child what the most important thing in his or her life is. How does this compare with what Jesus says is important in life?



### Hints for at Home

Make a peace pillow for your home. Use an old sheet or pillowcase. Cut out two squares, circles, or rectangles of the same size. Use colorfast markers or fabric paints to decorate them with peace symbols or a written message about peace. Sew about three-quarters of the way around and fill the inside with a pillow form or synthetic fiber. Finish sewing the pillow. Place the pillow where everyone will see it.



### In Our Parish

Find out whether there is an Adopt a Grandparent program in your parish. If so, volunteer. If not, try to adopt an elderly person who has no grandchildren or who does not often see them.



### Focus on Prayer



**Your child prayed Solomon's Blessing, a prayer that asks for God's presence in our lives and for the strength to keep the commandments. Encourage your child by praying for these blessings as a family.**