

RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

a parent page



Focus on Faith

Serving in Love

You hear your child calling you late at night. The fever that your child had been fighting has returned. You get up to do what you can. The needs of your child are your focus. At such times we as parents recognize that our lives are no longer our own. There is someone who needs our undivided attention, and we willingly share it with that person. This is one small example of what Jesus calls us to do when he tells us to love one another as he has loved us.

Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Not everyone who needs help asks for it. Who among your relatives, neighbors, and fellow parishioners could use a helping hand? Discuss with your family someone you could be of service to and how you could help.

Hints for at Home

Keep track of ways that members of your family experience God's love through others. Using a pen or marker, divide a sheet of paper into seven sections, one for each day of the week. Encourage family members to record in the appropriate section any acts of kindness they have received from others on that day. For example, a child might write "Mom made my favorite dessert," or a parent might say "Gina brought me a flower." Entries do not have to be limited to family members. At the end of the week, review the sheet together.



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In Our Parish

With your child check your parish bulletin for opportunities to help others in your parish. Possibilities include praying for those who are sick, sending a card to congratulate families of the newly baptized, or creating treats or small gifts for residents of a local nursing home. Choose a project that family members can do together. Discuss with your child how the activity is a way of following Jesus' commandment of love.

Focus on Prayer

Your child prayed the Act of Love. Pray it together as a family. Talk about ways to follow Jesus' commandment of love by loving others as God taught us. Remember to include the granting of forgiveness and the asking of others' forgiveness as ways of showing our love for God. You can find the words to the Act of Love at www.FindingGod.org.

