

Leader's Guide for
FAITH AND FAMILY LIFE
How to Raise Your Child With Faith

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. As a child, how did you “catch faith”?
2. How did your parents help you in your faith development?
3. Do your children see you pray?
4. Do you feel comfortable praying as a family?
5. What is your favorite Bible story? What is your favorite story of a saint or famous person of faith?
What is your favorite story of faith in your family history?
6. When have your children seen you act selflessly for others?
7. Do you have any suggestions for family rituals?
8. Do your children feel like they belong in the parish community? What could be done to make that happen?
9. To what extent do your children know there is poverty in the world?
10. When have your children discussed their fears with you? How have you conveyed faith to them at those times?
11. What does it mean to say that “God believes in you”?

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How to Raise Your Child With Faith as a Single Parent:
Some Suggestions for the Widowed and Divorced

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. Do you take time for yourself? How do you nurture the faith within you?
2. What is the hardest part about being a single parent? Have you ever put that before God in prayer?
3. Do you spend enough time simply talking with your children about their fears? If not, how could you practically make this a part of your day or week?
4. What is your image of God? How do you convey this image to your children?
5. What story of hope would you like to tell your children?
6. Do you ever feel that life's circumstances are taking away your hope? What could you do to keep hope alive?
7. Which of the family rituals shown in this program could be of most help to you?
8. Have life's events made you stronger and brought you into a deeper relationship with God? If so, how could you articulate that to your children?

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Raising a Faith-Filled Child in a Consumer Society

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. How do you feel about these messages: "You are what you buy" or "The one who dies with the most toys wins"?
2. Do your children have a sense that they have everything they need?
3. How do you distinguish between a "want" and a "need"?
4. Do you feel secure? Or do you feel that someday what you have will "run out"?
5. Are there any commercials which offend you in what they say about values? What could you say to your children about these commercials?
6. Do you think you have too much "stuff"? What could you do about this situation?
7. Do your children see you cheerfully giving things away? Have you ever asked your children to give something away?
8. What values have your children "absorbed" from you? What values have they taken in from our consumer society?
9. Have you ever told your child he/she could not have something "everyone else" has? What happened? Could you have done anything to make it easier for your child to accept?
10. What could you do to cultivate an attitude of gratitude in your home?

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How to Pray as a Family

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. Has your family prayed together before? What was it like? What have you learned from this video that might be helpful?
2. Do you remember what the video said is the best way to respond to “disruptive” and “silent” people at prayer? Do you agree with that approach?
3. What are events in your family which seem natural to pray about? Did something ever occur in your family when you wished you had gathered for prayer but didn't
4. If you invite your family to pray, will this be met with resistance? How will you respond to it?
5. Do you think praying as a family will help or hinder your family's appreciation of the Church's liturgy?
6. Sometimes families pray at special seasons, like Advent. But then they stop. Why do you think this happens?
7. Children, when they can participate, enjoy ritual. Can you think of a ritual you enjoyed as a child? How could you celebrate that ritual with your children?

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Preparing Your Child for First Eucharist

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. How has Communion brought you “into communion” with others, especially the most needy?
2. What questions has your child asked you about Communion? How have you answered them?
3. It is easy to get caught up in the superficial details of the day. Is that pressure developing in your life? How can you resist it?
4. What is your favorite meal story about Jesus?
5. Which one of the family rituals seen in this video would be most helpful in your family?
6. Do you have any ideas for helping your child make the connection between Eucharist and the hungry of the world?
7. What is the Reign of God? How does communion bring us a “taste” of this Reign?
8. How has Eucharist been significant in your life?
9. Your child's First Communion is a time to strengthen the faith of your entire family. Has this video given you any ideas to help you do that?

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Preparing Your Child for Reconciliation

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION / DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever felt really forgiven? When?
2. When have you conveyed forgiveness to another?
3. What does the Sacrament of Reconciliation mean to you?
4. What is your favorite forgiveness story from the Bible?
5. How did you view the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a child? How do you view it now?
6. Do you and your children have enough time in your life for sincere reflection? How could you build that time into your busy schedule?
7. Did any of the family healing ceremonies strike you as one you might find useful in your own family?

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