

Partners in FAITH™



Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

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Our Lady of the Snows Church

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Thoughtful Moments

A good friend

Friendship skills aren't natural to everyone. One has to be a good friend to attract good friends. By



being a good friend, we can share God's love with others. Some examples include: inviting a friend to play, smiling and waving "hello," listening when the friend talks, saving a seat at the lunch table.

Thou shall not kill

The Fifth Commandment teaches us to respect life. One way to live the Commandment is to avoid watching television shows or movies about murder and to refuse to allow children to play violent video games.

Pick a prayer

Learning new prayers can help enliven a family prayer life. Choose a time of day when the whole family is together and pick a prayer you may not know or don't say often and practice it for a week. For ideas, consult Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org).



Summer time means family time

Summer's slower pace can bring more time together as a family. Plan ahead to make memories this summer and put more faith practices into your family fun, too. Here are some ideas:

Play outside. One of the ways we learn about God is through His creation. Spend time outside this summer giving children a chance to explore the natural environment.

Create a sacred space. Set aside a space at home dedicated to family prayer. For example, decorate a corner in the living room with your favorite icons and candles. Add a statue of Christ and your favorite saint and come together for a Rosary.

Rosaries for Troops. Men and women in harm's way appreciate

handmade Rosaries that meet criteria for those serving in hostile areas. Make this a family project. This website can show you how:

<http://www.seatofwisdom.net/rosary.htm>.

Joyful Noise Night.

Children of Christ have much to celebrate.

Designate one night a week as Joyful Noise Night and ask each person to bring to the table one joke, cartoon, comic or funny story. Outlaw glum faces for the entire evening.

Every Sunday Holiday.

Make every summer Sunday a family holiday. Attend Mass together and then take a hike at a local park, go out for lunch, visit with friends or relatives. (Note: to locate a Mass while on vacation, go to: www.parishesonline.com.)



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Relics are the remains or personal possessions of a saint – ordinary people, like us, transformed by God's grace. When we venerate their relics, we honor the saints as models of holiness and can ask them to pray for us. Occasionally,

Why do Catholics venerate relics?



miracles happen as a result, but it is by God's power. The relics of themselves have no special properties. If one's faith in God is renewed or someone experiences a conversion of heart, then those are miracles in themselves.