

**WHY IS FAMILY FAITH FORMATION SO IMPORTANT?
PARENTS AS FIRST TEACHERS OF THEIR CHILDREN**

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| Bringing my child to Children's Faith Formation | Going to Mass with my child | Answering my child's questions about God and the Bible |
| Praying with my child before going to bed | Taking turn saying grace before meals at home and in public | Reading Bible Stories to my child |
| Making an Advent Wreath with my child | Guiding my child to make good decisions | Teaching my child how to be a forgiving person |
| Teaching your child how to talk with God during the day | Involving my child in giving away food for the hungry | Asking my child questions about the Sunday Gospel |
| Sharing stories about saints with your child | Praying the rosary together as a family | Taking my child to the Holy Thursday and Good Friday Services |

You cannot impart what you do not possess. Seize every opportunity to grow in your faith so that you will be able to be a spirit-filled first teacher of your own children.

Your child is learning by what you do. They notice when you respectfully genuflect as you enter the pew or stop before the tabernacle. They notice when you fully participate in the celebration of the Mass through singing, responding and gesturing. They notice when you take time to make the sign of the cross and bless yourself with holy water.