

# Seeking God in Everyday Life with Children

How Will Our Children KEEP the Faith – When They've LEFT Us?

## 7 TAKE HOME NUGGETS

- 1. EMBED A SPIRITUAL SENSE** their psyche – Help them see what's invisible (symbols)  
Family/Classroom Altar  
Within the context of my family or classroom... Symbol
  - When have I been especially aware of God's presence?
  
  - When have I been especially aware of God's love?
  
  - When have I been especially aware of God's forgiveness?
- 2. CULTIVATE COUNTERCULTURALISM** – Courage, once a week performance
- 3. ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE** – Be able to stand alone
- 4. PROMOTE PRAYERS & RITUALS** they can hang on to
- 5. FOSTER IMAGINATION** – spontaneous prayer, fairy tales, intellectual curiosity
- 6. UNPACK THE PASCHAL MYSTERY** – life/suffering/loss/resurrection. Mass
- 7. MATTHEW 25** – It's not just about ME. Happiness requires fairness and sharing.

## BOOKS TO SUPPORT PARENTS & TEACHERS

Raising Kids Who Will Make a Difference – Helping Your Family Live with Integrity, Value Simplicity, and Care for Others by Susan Vogt, Loyola Press, 2002

Just Family Nights – 60 Activities to Keep Your Family Together in a World Falling Apart by Susan Vogt, Brethren Press, 1994

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