

**PASSING ON THE FAITH:
PARENT MAILINGS: AGES 1-4
BY SUSAN STITH**



Dr. Kathleen O Chesto:

“Here is a gentle, usable approach, clear enough not to intimidate, brief enough not to overwhelm. Passing on the Faith enables parents to recognize and name the holy in the ordinary events of parenting toddlers and preschoolers. It provides gentle guidance for nurturing marriage while carefully including single parent families.

The suggestions for prayer, nurturing spiritual hunger, and creating sacred space, are easy and doable for even the busiest, two career families.

What a lovely way to keep parents connected with the parish church after the baby’s baptism!”

**A Sequel to:
Passing on the Faith:
Baby’s First Year**

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for four years
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per year)**

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Sample information from Parent Mailings for Ages 1-4 Mailings:

Talking about God-It's not so hard

You talk to your child about people in the family all the time... "Grandpa is coming tonight." Or, "Let's show that to Mommy when she gets home." Well, God is part of the family, too. Right? Do you talk about God or does this feel a bit awkward yet?

When your child is having a great time splashing in the tub, you might say, "Thank you, God, for making water for us to play in." Your child might repeat what you said. Maybe not. Don't force anything.

At another time you might just let your child overhear you thanking God for a beautiful flower or the soft fur on the kitty cat. Let your prayer be heartfelt and real.

Think of it this way: you are inviting your child to listen to your own prayer of praise to God. You're not trying to get your child to do anything. You're simply being yourself and praying aloud, in a way that your child can easily understand. You are setting the stage for your child to be able to pray on his or her own to God. Just be yourself and be aware of God. Faith is a gift from God, which God is giving to your child. Relax and be grateful!!