

NYAPC Children and Youth

Coming up — October 11, 2015:

*(Alice will be out of town
this Sunday (from
Saturday-Monday).*

Gathering Time

David Inoue will lead
on the Lord's Prayer!

Worship Play

The Greatest
Commandment -
The law of Love from
Mark 12

PreK (ages 3-4)

Story: Mary and
Elizabeth

Luke 1:26-38

Holy Moly Story (K-4)

Story: Jacob from
Genesis 32:22-32;
33:1-11

Connect Story (5-8)

Story: The Flood

Genesis 8:9-17

High School

Editing the new
NYAPC Christmas
pageant and
continuing with
Marked.

Growing Faith at Home!

As we come upon a busy travel weekend, I'm thinking over the question: How can we grow the faith of our children and youth outside of the church?

Roger and I both agree that the best thing to do is to integrate conversations about and practices of faith throughout regular life. We know that children (and even youth too!) pay close attention to what parents and caregivers are doing. Children and youth often take on the faith practices and traditions of their parents. Here are some ideas. What are yours?

Noticing Faith on the Move: While you are on the move (metro, bus, driving, walking, biking), ask each other — "Where do you see God right now?" (Perhaps it is in the changing fall foliage or in a tender moment you witness among strangers.) Perhaps you saw movement in church?



Celebrating Faith at the Table: Especially on weeknights, the process of getting dinner on the table always seems like an exercise in operational efficiency, grace, and a bit of luck. In the rush, we often forget to celebrate where our food comes from. Even if the meal begins before we get to the table, our goal is to talk about how each part of the meal is a gift from God. Everything from the bread in the oven to the string cheese snack to the

grapes are all part of God's great creation. For older children, perhaps you could ask "Where do all of these foods come from? Who grew the foods? Who helped bring the foods here to our table? And then give thanks.

Giving of Ourselves to Grow Faith: Rainy day? We take some of C's art from school and turn it into get well cards or thank you cards. These usually go to family members and close friends. How can we give our best selves to others especially when they need a bit of extra love? How can these simple acts be a way to share God's love with others?



When he's older, I'm hopeful that we can make a healthy-nut-free dish to share in the Radcliffe Room. While we get out the ingredients and prepare the dish, perhaps we can have a conversation about how God cries out for those who need the most help. God loves us all and wants us to think beyond ourselves to extend that love of Christ to others.

Many blessings on your weekend! If you try any of these or have other ideas, please pass them on!

The pictures are from World Communion Sunday.

Check out his informative (and hilarious) Vision 2020 campaign video.

Watch through the very end.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=di0otDVTfp4&feature=youtu.be>