



NURTURING THE FAITH

As parents, you want what is best for your children to strengthen them. Give them nutritious food to strengthen their bodies, encourage good study habits to strengthen their minds and surround them with good people to strengthen their social skills. But when it comes to their faith, that is where we can run dry.

Jesus explained in His parable of the sower that teaching without understanding kills the yield. Faith with shallow roots withers. Worldly desires and worries choke the Word. But one who hears the Word and understands it bears fruit. (Matthew 13:1-23)

How can we help our children receive the Word?



Practice. Read the Bible with them. Pray together and encourage them to pray or suggest what to pray about. Worship together.

Understanding. Ask questions about what they heard in Sunday School, Sprouts or what you read together.

Experience. When Jesus wanted His disciples to understand servanthood, He washed their feet. Find everyday things to connect to the Word.

Connect. When children run into moments that stir anger, fear, sadness, joy, or wonder, help them see how God is present in each situation.

How will you nurture the soil?

Important Dates

July 1 ~ First Day of B23+

July 11 ~ First Day of 45ers

July 14 ~ Faith Family Fun: St. Paul Saints

July 15-17 ~ Mystery Bus

July 28-August 2 ~ Bible Camp

August 4 ~ Faith Family Fun

August 5-8 ~ Day Camp

