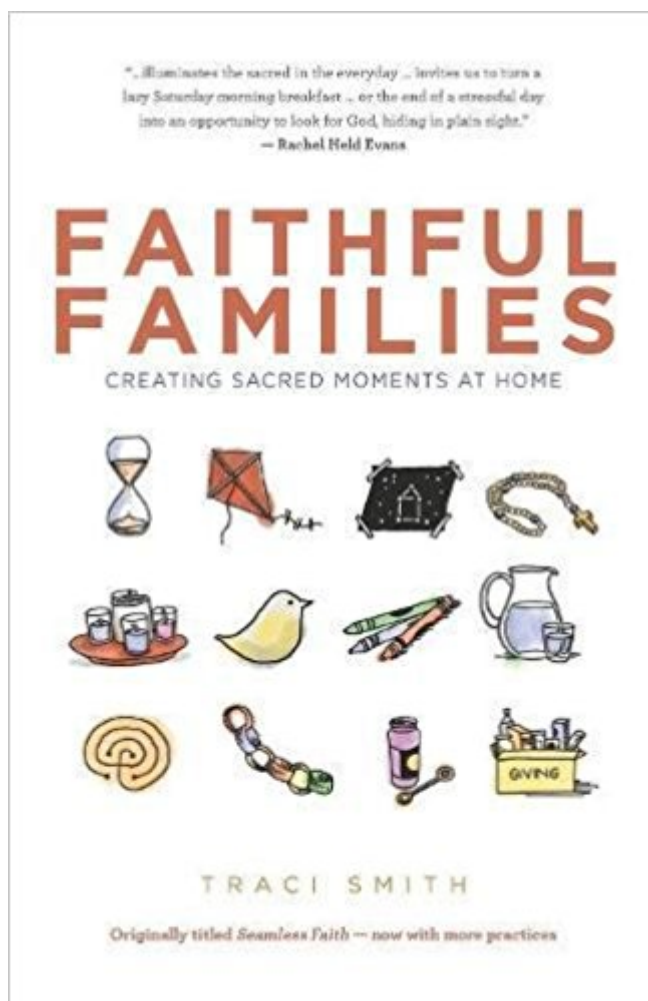


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Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments At Home



Synopsis

A new and expanded version of Seamless Faith, now with more than a dozen new spiritual practices and additional resources for parents, kids, grandparents, and communities that care about families! Add family faith moments to your daily routine with little or no prep, and share meaningful spiritual experiences with your children! Traci Smith, a pastor and mother of three, offers ways to discover and develop new spiritual practices as a family, whether you're a new seeker or a lifelong follower. Faithful Families is brimming with easy, do-it-yourself ideas for transforming your family's everyday moments into sacred moments! Faithful Families helps you: connect faith to your family's everyday life; add family faith moments into your daily routine; learn new spiritual practices alongside your children; teach your children to appreciate religious diversity with time-tested non-Christian and Christian spiritual practices; respond to life's everyday challenges and opportunities with meaningful practices Faithful Families is the perfect gift for Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles; Baptisms; Baby Showers; New Families; Christian educators and those they serve; Preschool Classes; and Godparents Faithful Families is part of The Young Clergy Women Project

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Customer Reviews

In a culture that has become isolating, technological, fractious, and cold, Traci Smith has given us a survival kit of practices to help families stay close to what is sacred, meaningful, intimate, and alive. Faithful Families will not only help parents nurture the souls of their children, it will keep them sane

within the chaotic forces of 21st century family life. --Mark Yaconelli, author of *The Gift of Hard Things and Contemplative Youth Ministry* This book is a must-have for any family wishing to live as faithful disciples of Jesus. Traci Smith has created a gold mine of resources, ideas, and practices that invite children, teens, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, houseguests, pets everyone who makes up all kinds of families to actively form one another in authentic Christian faith. Get this book for your family. Give it to families in your faith community. Drop copies of it from an airplane. It's sure to have an impact on all who use it. --David M. Csinos, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology at Atlantic School of Theology and Founder of Faith Forward Traci Smith teaches us how to slow down, to create sacred space and time in order to nurture a child's soul. This book is a gift of the spirit. --Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, author of *God's Paintbrush*, *Creation's First Light*, and many other award-winning children's books

Traci Smith has spent more than thirteen years helping families find meaningful connections in living their faith together. She is the author of two books with Chalice Press, *Faithful Families* (formerly *Seamless Faith*) and *Fellowship of Prayer* (2015), and a contributor to *Out of the Deep: Pastoring in Creative Space*. Traci has a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and is pastor of Northwood Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, Texas, where she lives with her husband and children.

The practices in this book are simple and beautiful. Each one of them is clearly laid out so that families of any composition will feel empowered to share their faith with their children. Not all suggestions will be appropriate for every age and season of life, but each one describes when a child or family might benefit from it so that parents can make a determination about what works for their family. There are rituals for dealing with current events, for building compassion and generosity, and for comforting and celebrating during life's changes. I particularly like the rituals for building spirituality into everyday moments. I am surprised every time I look through this book at how helpful the practices are. Not just for kids, but they are meaningful for adults, too. This book is written by a Christian pastor, but parents of any faith, or no faith at all, will find themselves turning to the practices in this book to strengthen their family and guide their children in spirituality. Every parent should have a copy of this book - and my mom gives it to every person she knows who has a baby.

Traci Smith has done it again; helping families create meaningful spiritual moments in their busy lives! Her book is filled with quick, simple faith practices that any family can experience in their

home, no matter how busy or distracted they may be. This would be a wonderful gift to give a family to celebrate the birth or adoption of a child, for grandparents to give, or for any family to buy for themselves how are looking for ways to bring faith into their home.

Rev. Traci Smith has provided busy families with an instructive guide to slowing down, sharing faith, seeing God in our everyday. I highly recommend this book to read on your own, or give as a gift to a new mom or dad. Traci writes with heart and wit and honesty. A good read!

I'm so excited to share the gift of this book with my parishioners. As a pastor, it's can be a challenge to help families find ways to talk about and engage in faith with their children, in ways that aren't to intimidating. The small rituals and activities presented in this book are a great resource for engaging in faith at home no mater what the make-up of your family is.

Know that you need more than Sunday School for your kids, but aren't sure what to do? Wondering how to pass on a faith that is relevant, inclusive and fun? This is your book! Traci Smith understands the time pressures of young families, and she offers a range of practices, so you can pick what works for you. You'll want to try a few things she offers, and she what works in your life. This is a great book for new parents, or to give to guests at your church, or for grandparents to use with grandkids. You'll find some things that make you laugh, touch your heart and expand your own faith.

Traci Smith's newly updated book Faithful Families is a wonderful resource for families wanting to invest in the quality time they spend together. A very practical how-to book on spiritual growth that can be used throughout the year. This is an easy to use book that presents ideas in a straight forward method. Early in the book, Traci encourages families to create a sacred space. She gives four key ideas. Focus on Comfort, avoid Clutter, engage all the Senses and make it Inclusive of all family members. Excellent ideas. This section alone is worth reading and adapting in a home. The book then looks at everyday traditions, like bedtime and meal time. From there it shares ideas for Holy Days during the year. The section on Easter Sunrise Breakfast is delightful and could create a new family tradition. Solid ideas that are easy to implement. Two full chapters look at spiritual practices with rich ideas. One of those is on hospitality. This section has ideas that include having an honored guest at your house. At the end of the book is a helpful section for grandparents and another section for ministers and ministry leaders. Both sections have good advice. I will be sharing this with the many grandparents in my church. I am very excited to share this

rich resource with the families in my church.

In my work as an Episcopal priest, I needed a resource for teaching young families in our congregation how they could practice their faith at home. I bought the Rev. Traci Smith's original book, which I have used in presentations and in my Sunday School class to great reviews. We have also used it at home with our little one, praying nightly with his picture prayer book, one of my favorite practices she offers. The best thing I think this book offers is flexibility; each practice has multiple suggestions for how it can be used, so if one of the practices doesn't work for your family/class, then it's easily adaptable. I can't wait to get this new edition! I highly recommend it for anyone with children or who works with children. You won't be disappointed!

A helpful resource for parents, grandparents, godparents, and church ministers! There is a beautiful simplicity to the ideas offered here, the way they are organized, and the variety of ways you can share faithful moments as a household (no matter how that household looks). As a youth minister, I am always looking for ways to encourage our church families to have meaningful conversations, recognize "God moments" together, and experience the gifts of faith together. Faithful Families is a well to draw from when looking for new ideas, adding new depth to old rituals, and celebrating the gift of life we share. I will return to this book again and again. I am sure your family will too.

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