



Four Keys for Practicing Faith

Caring Conversations:

Think of a Christmas or birthday gift. Talk about how you can find out who the gift is from and who it is for. Just like we can check the card to see who the gift is from, we can look to see who provides our money. Take out a dollar bill (any denomination will work) and look for the inscription "In God We Trust". Talk about how all the money and possessions that the family has are gifts from God for us to take care of. Discuss how God blesses us so that we may be a blessing to others, including using our possessions to do so.

- How does God bless us?
- How can we be a blessing to others?
- Why do you think God wants us to share God's gifts with others?

Devotions:

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. – Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

- How can you worship God while you work? Through your work?

Service:

Observe your new coworkers over the next few weeks. What can you do to brighten their day at work? Some ideas: say thank you, smile, greet them enthusiastically when they/you start a shift, offer to help with a task you know they don't enjoy.

Rituals and Traditions:

Decorate three jars – they can be physical jars, or three pieces of paper – and label them “Spend”, “Save” and “Share.” Decide how you will divide each paycheck, always putting some in each of the three jars. (If using paper, keep a tally of how much you are spending, saving and sharing.) With each paycheck, place money in each of the jars.

Pray for the new employee:

Dear Lord, a job provides new responsibility in our lives. Help (name) to enjoy the work that you have given them. Help (name) to honor you through their work. Amen.

Bless one another saying: “May all our work be pleasing to God.”