

Celebrity Couples Keeping the Faith Alive



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Hollywood is a glamorous place that can most certainly be a challenging place to raise well-adjusted, grounded children. Over time, we have seen celebrity couples try unique parenting tactics to bring up their children right, while in the spotlight. In fact, some celebrities turn to faith and religion as they navigate parenthood. Here is a look at a few stars who have relied on spirituality during their parenting journeys.

Tom Cruise

Tom is undoubtedly the most famous Scientologist, and his controversial religion was rumored to be a primary cause of his recent divorce from Katie Holmes. While their young daughter Suri spends the majority of her time with her mom, Tom is still committed to being a strong influence in his child's life (in fact, Suri frequently calls her father when he is on-location filming). It's likely he will try to pass along his core religious beliefs to his daughter. Tom also raised his two oldest children (with ex-wife Nicole Kidman) in the Scientology faith.

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Mel Gibson

Before recent scandals tarnished Mel's reputation, he was most well-known for being an established Hollywood actor and devout Catholic. In fact, he directed and produced *The Passion of the*

Christ in 2004. Mel is the father of eight children, and is very outspoken about his religious convictions. Despite the rumors that persist that some of his offspring are wild and fun-loving, there's no doubt Mel attempted to raise the kids with a Catholic-based foundation.

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Kirk Cameron

Kirk, who was a major star in the 1980s on the hit television show *Growing Pains*, abandoned his teen heartthrob status after became a born-again Christian at age 17. In fact, after he developed a relationship with Jesus, he began to insist that storylines be edited to remove anything he thought too adult or inappropriate for the show. He is now a husband and father of six children, as well as a full-fledged evangelist. He currently co-hosts a religious-themed television show.

Like everybody else, celebrities have different beliefs, but it's not often you see celebrities outspoken about their dedication to a given religion, and even less frequently you can cite a parent in Hollywood guiding their offspring with faith.

Tell Cupid: what are the biggest benefits for celebrities keeping the faith alive, and raising their children in a religious home?