

## **Organizing Elements of *Life Together* Resources**

These elements run through most of the *Life Together* resources, integrating the *Life Together* family and exploring connections with a variety of activities, learning styles, and age-appropriate approaches. Intergenerational opportunities for worshiping and learning together are interspersed throughout the resources.

### **Key Idea**

The key idea statement is an attempt to present a single summary idea based on the lectionary texts for each Sunday. This summary idea is used across the various *Life Together* resources to create a unified theme for the day. It is phrased in such a way to demonstrate God's activity through the church and world. Usually the statement is most closely related to the day's gospel reading.

### **Driving Question**

The driving question for each week relates to the scripture citations and the key idea. While the key idea focuses on God's work, the driving question is focused on our work. It is intended to help users continue searching for faith-focused responses to real-life issues.

### **Links to Worship**

Our worship life is strengthened when we understand the nature of God's gifts of grace and our response of thanks, praise, and active participation in God's work in the world. Various learning activities make ritual, eucharistic, and baptismal connections, as well as connections to proclamation and congregational singing.

### **Proclaiming the Word**

God's Word is proclaimed in preaching, in stories, in the readings, and when we share our own life stories. *Life Together* provides a variety of opportunities and resources for strengthening proclamation in all its various forms.

### **Links to Contemporary Culture**

Many of the resources have links to contemporary culture and media, such as books, art, and films that encourage people to continue making connections between themes of faith and everyday life, at home and at church.