

## **FAMILY**

**Read** two passages from *The Healer*, pages 23 and 115.

### **Let's Get Acquainted**

Tell us a story about a time when your family faced a crisis.

What happened? How were you involved? How did it turn out?

### **Let's Talk About It**

- When you were ill enough to miss work, confined to your home, or perhaps hospitalized, what gave you courage? What made you feel cared for and loved?
- When a member of your extended family becomes ill, who is most likely to step up, take charge, make decisions, and organize support? What prepares a person to take on this role?
- When a member of your family is approaching their final days, unable to make decisions for themselves, and there is a distinct difference of opinion within the family about ongoing medical care for someone you all love, how is this likely to be resolved? Could there be a better way?
- How can you become "family" for someone who has little or no family and no close friends to care for them in their time of need?

### **Prayer**

*Dear Father God, Creator of family, Healer of the broken, bless our family, we pray. In health, make us grateful. In hard times, strengthen us. In all things, give us love and appreciation for each other.*