

5. Simba, the newborn lion in *The Lion King*, is clearly initiated into the whole circle of life and begins to take his place in the universe. Have you ever thought of Baptism as an initiation into your own special place in the universe? Does this idea surprise you?

6. When we are baptized into the Christian faith, we are immeasurably blessed to be claimed by the Creator who brought us into being. We become children of God. We not only find our place in the universe but also are found and redeemed so that we may witness to the majesty of our Creator God, each in our own unique way.

Using the statement as a foundation, what would you do or say in the following situations:

- a. A friend is fixated on his or her own weak points rather than strengths.
- b. Someone confides in you that he or she is overcome by feelings of worthlessness.
- c. Looking at the world, you wonder if you, one person, can make a difference.

