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Glossary of Resources

The resources at Milestones Ministry continue to grow.

Here is a brief description of each:

Taking Faith Home:

This is an annual resource that provides a different bulletin insert each week during the church year. This enables individuals and families to bring the Christian faith into the home and daily life by experiencing the Word of God through the Four Key Faith Practices that are also used in Milestones Ministry modules and moments. Using Taking Faith Home with Milestones will help strengthen a congregation's lifelong faith formation ministry. [Click here.](#)

Milestone Modules: Each module includes a Four Key Faith Practices outline for three different settings:

New Feature Every Month!

At Milestones Ministry we are privileged to hear many faith stories from congregations and individuals who are engaged in using Milestones Ministry resources. We will highlight one ministry per month in addition to our monthly e-news as a means to grow together in our faith.

Please let us know if you have a story to share.

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Cross+Generational, Home, and a Follow-Up. Also included are tips for leaders, an appendix with additional suggestions, and a Worship Blessing, and an appendix that includes ideas for outreach.

- **Child and Youth:** There are 18 that can be purchased individually or together in a manual. [Click here to see the titles.](#)
- **Adult :** There are 12 that can be purchased individually or together in a manual. [Click here to see the titles.](#)

Milestone Moments for the Home: There are 9 at this time and we add new ones regularly. These guides are a two-page design that can be used in a small group setting or the home. [Click here to see the titles.](#)

Gifting Stones: If you choose to use a stone as a visual reminder of the Milestone, a stone for gifting has been designed by our potter and artist, Dawn Deines-Christensen for each Milestone module. Other gifting suggestions are also given in each module appendix. [Click here for more information about the Gifting Stones.](#)

Consistency is a strength and our success lies in **The Four Key Faith Practices** listed below that are at the heart of everything we do:



Milestones Ministry Resources Used:

Milestones, Faith Talk cards, Vibrant Faith in the Congregation book and more.

Are these resources used in the congregation, the home, both? Please explain.

Currently we are giving and blessing Milestones for almost every age Preschool-12th grade as well as some Adult Milestones. Each week I take one of the questions from the Faith Talk cards and have them posted in our bulletin. The idea is for families to talk about them in their homes.

Tell us how this faith formation resource has impacted an individual, small group, or family:

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

-Deuteronomy 6:4-9

At Baptism, parents promise to place in their children's hands the holy scriptures, teach them the Creed, the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer, and bring them to the services of God's house. Milestones help us to aid parents in fulfilling those Baptismal promises. The church cannot do the job for families but we can be their best allies supporting them as they fulfill these Baptismal promises.

For most of the Milestones, I hold a class for that grade and their parents. For example, when we give 3rd grade Bibles, I hold a class for the 3rd graders and their parents so the 3rd graders can learn how to navigate and use their own Bibles. It is a way for us to continue to give parents and homes resources to nurture their children in faith.

Together, as a community of faith, I believe the Milestones have helped us to grow and be nurtured in our own faith. They also remind us that we are not on this journey alone. We continually learn and grow together. And this is a way for us to mark those important milestones in life.

Last summer, before we left for the ELCA Youth Gathering, I presented each of our youth and adult leaders a Milestone and prayed over them. It was a symbol that even though the church was not traveling with us, they could be with us in Spirit.

"Grow the church by growing people in faith."

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