

# WORD OF LIFE GRADE 8

## Enhancement Video Discussion Guide

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Word of Life Grade 8 features a five-part video series that explores different vocations in the Church. These videos walk the students through what life is like for those men and women who choose to consecrate themselves to life in religious orders. It also shows students an example of a married couple who demonstrate the need to put God first in their relationship over their personal desires and plans.

The first video presents the vocation story of a Dominican sister. This video helps students see the remarkable work that God can do in our lives if we use our freedom to say Yes to him and his will. The second video tells the story of a Trappist monk’s amazing journey from discerning religious life at just seventeen years old to his life today, which is dedicated to silently listening to God and growing in loving communion with him through prayer.

The third video depicts the life of immense joy that the Poor Clares live as they seek to model the Blessed Virgin Mary in a life of prayer and contemplation. The fourth video challenges the students to discern their own response to our Lord’s words, “Come and follow me.” This video presents the story of a Franciscan priest who reminds us that no one in the Church is alone in their spiritual journey to eternal life. Lastly, the final video shows students an example of a married couple who converted to the Catholic faith together while dating. This video will help students understand that God is the source of love and peace within a marriage and that his plan for married couples is for them to seek him together throughout their lives.

All five videos could be watched in succession in a single sitting, for example, as a recap of the entire year. Alternatively, you may wish to watch one video per unit. A suggested schedule is below.

Episode	Title	Watch video after reading . . .
1	Sr. Amata Christi, O.P.	Chapter 3
2	Br. Paul Quenon, O.C.S.O.	Chapter 6
3	Mother Mary Angela, P.C.	Chapter 10
4	Fr. David Grenier, O.F.M.	Chapter 13
5	Taylor and Brittany Kemp	Chapter 17