

WORD of LIFE

Chapter 3

Lesson Enhancement Video: The Annunciation

- Start with the teaching point of the video: **What did we hear about in the video?** (The Annunciation.)
 - **Why is the Annunciation a significant event in salvation history?** (Answers may include because an angel appeared to Mary, because Mary said yes to God's plan, and because this moment was the beginning of Christ's time here on earth.)
 - **Which angel appeared to Mary?** (Gabriel.)
- Invite students to reflect on what they've seen and heard in the video: **You have all heard about the Annunciation before, but what aspect of these events stood out to you?** (Answers may include Mary's confusion, her young age, her bravery, and how shocking it would be to have an angel appear to you.)
 - In the video, Peter, the narrator, asks us how we would respond if an angel appeared to us. **What would you do?** (Pause.) **Would you be scared or confused?** (Answers may vary.) This is a moment to help the students enter into Mary's shoes to appreciate her response more fully.
 - **How did Mary respond to Gabriel's message?** (Answers may include bravely, obediently, and lovingly. She asked how this would happen and accepted Gabriel's message, saying, "Let it be to me according to your word" [Luke 1:38].)
- Deepen the teaching point of the video: **Who was Mary before the Annunciation?** (A holy girl from a small town called Nazareth.)
 - **Who did she become after the Annunciation?** (The Mother of God and of all Christians.)
 - **How did she become the Mother of God?** (Through the power of the Holy Spirit and by accepting God's grace. Through her love, obedience, and bravery, she allowed God to work through her.)
 - **Through her response, what does Mary teach us?** (Like her, we must lovingly, obediently, and bravely accept God's plan for our lives. We must humbly accept His grace and seek to do His will alone.)