

# WORD <sup>of</sup> LIFE

## Chapter 12

### Lesson Enhancement Video: Saying Yes to God

- **Start by talking about how virtue is saying yes to God:** In this video, we heard from a religious sister who talked about living in a convent. A convent is a special house where nuns live.
  - **Did Sister say she loves living at the convent?** (Yes.)
  - **But is it always easy to live there?** (No.) Just as it is for the rest of us, there are things that are hard for her to do every day.
  - **What did Sister say we should do throughout the day even when things are hard?** (We should say yes to God.)
  - **When Beth asked how she can say yes to God in her life, what did Sister suggest?** (Answers may include smiling at someone who is sad, paying attention in school, and doing what she should do.) By being kind, loving, and studious, we are doing what is right and saying yes to God.
  - **What are some ways you can say yes to God?** (Answers may include saying my morning prayers, not complaining, helping my siblings, and doing my chores.)
- **Discuss how we grow in virtue:** Beth talked about how hard it is to read at times. **How does she get better at reading?** (She has to practice and read more.)
  - **Is it hard to be virtuous sometimes?** (Yes.)
  - **But how can we grow in virtue?** (Answers may include we need to practice the virtues.)
  - **Will God help us grow in virtue?** (Yes.)

### Gabriel's Quest for Chapter 12: The Bigger Picture

**Lesson Link: Mary said yes to God's plan.** We are like Mary when we say yes to God, no matter the cost.

- **Why did some students say no to Sister Mary's request?** (Answers may include they didn't want to and they wanted to play instead.)
- **What would have happened if Gabriel said no to Sister Mary's request?** (Answers may include there wouldn't have been any straw for baby Jesus and Gabriel wouldn't have been part of the plan.)
- **In what ways can you say yes to God?** (Answers may include loving others, praying and listening to God, and trying to be holy and a saint.)