

WORD of LIFE

Chapter 11

Lesson Enhancement Video: Evangelizing with Fortitude

- **Start with events from the video: What dilemma was Beth facing in this video?** (She was invited to join her team in a soccer championship, but it initially seemed like it would require her to miss Sunday Mass.)
 - **Did Father say it is okay to skip Sunday Mass to go to a soccer tournament?** (No; it is not okay to skip Sunday Mass.)
 - **Why did he say that we should go to Mass?** (Because it is the Lord's Day, when God commands us to worship Him. We are called to show our love for Him by attending Mass and receiving Him in the Eucharist.)
- **Relate the video to the lives of the students: Have you ever felt like skipping Mass on Sunday?** (Answers may vary.) This is a good time to remind the students that it is not wrong to feel this way at times, but we should not give in to that feeling.
 - **Why did you want to skip Mass?** (Answers may include because I was tired, I wanted to watch more movies, and I wanted to see friends.) This is a good time to talk about when you found it hard to meet the Sunday obligation.
 - **Why is it wrong to skip Sunday Mass?** (Answers may include because we are disobeying God and not giving Him due worship and because we are not loving Him as He asked, even after He has given us everything.)
- **Provide action: Beth was scared that she would let her team down or be made fun of for going to Mass, so how did Father Brown inspire her with fortitude?** (He gave examples of Catholics who faced great trials and fears for being Catholic. He encouraged her to be like them.)
 - **Inspired by these stories, what did Beth plan to do?** (She realized that she could still go to Mass on Sunday if she got up really early or if she asked her coach if she could skip part of the tournament to go to Mass. Like the saints, she witnessed to the faith and evangelized her coach and teammates.)
 - **What are some opportunities in which we can stand up for our faith even when it is difficult?** (Answers may vary.) This moment is an opportunity to share a personal story about when you had to stand up for the faith.