WORD of LIFE

Video Discussion Guide for Grade 4 Lesson Parish

Chapter 1

Lesson Enhancement Video: Knowing the Truth

- Start by reviewing the analogy from the video: *Who is Joe and what is the main idea he was talking about in this video?* (Joe is a carpenter who makes many things, and he was talking about the truth.)
 - What object or instrument did Joe use to help explain what truth is? (The T square.)
 - What does a T square help Joe measure? (A right angle. Joe uses it to measure the angle of the legs on his table.)
 - What will happen to the table if the angle of the legs does not match the T square? (The table will be wobbly or will break.)
- Discuss the teaching point of the video: *How did Joe use the table legs and T square to explain what the truth is?* (Just as Joe's table legs need to match the angle of the T square, so, too, do our minds need to match reality.)
 - What is the truth? (It is when our minds match or correspond to reality.)
 - Let's say it is rainy outside. *If I said it is sunny outside, am I telling the truth?* (No.) *Why?* (My mind does not match reality.)
 - Are there some things that are true forever? (Yes.) What do we call things that are always true? (Universal truths.) Can you give an example of a universal truth? (Answers may include God exists, God loves us, 2+2=4, the measurement of a right angle, and it is wrong to use God's name in vain.)
- Relate the teaching point to the lives of the students and provide action:
 - What do we experience when our minds match reality? (Happiness and purpose.)
 - What happens when our minds do not match reality? (We will be unhappy and frustrated.)
 - **So, what can we do to know the truth?** (We can investigate the world and follow God—the author of truth. We can measure our minds against reality and what the Bible, the Church, and God Himself tell us.)