

# WORD <sup>+</sup>of LIFE

## Chapter 2

### Lesson Enhancement Video: How Do We Know the Moral Laws?

- Start by reviewing the key parts of the video: **Whom did we meet in this video?** (Max, Lucy, Beth, and their teacher, Father Brown.)
  - **What did Max do before he left for school?** (He broke his mom's favorite vase.)
  - **Why did Max want to lie to his mom?** (Because he didn't want to get in trouble, and he didn't want to hurt his mom's feelings.) **Do these reasons make it okay for Max to lie?** (No.)
- Discuss the teaching point of the video: **What are the two types of laws that Father Brown discussed in this class?** (The natural law and the revealed law.)
  - **How did Max know that lying is against the natural law?** (Because he used his reason and experience.)
  - **What did Father Brown say would happen if Max lied?** (Lying would force him to lie more.)
  - **What ultimately would happen to Max's relationship with his mother if he lied?** (Lying would break his trust with her, and lying is contrary to her dignity as a person and a mom.)
  - **How did Max know that lying is against the revealed law?** (He remembered the eighth commandment.)
- End by deepening the teaching point of the video: **Why is it important to know and follow the moral laws?** (Answers may include because it is what is right, it is what God intends, and it will ultimately lead to our happiness.)
  - **How would telling the truth to his mom help Max be happier?** (Answers may include he would have a better relationship with his mom, he would be trustworthy and honest about his mistakes, and he would grow closer to God because he told the truth.)
  - **What are some ways we can better understand the moral law?** (Answers may include by paying attention in class, reading about God's laws, studying what the Church teaches, and examining the effects of our actions and choices.)