

WORD ^{of} LIFE

Chapter 4

Lesson Enhancement Video: Fortitude and Its Subvirtues

- Invite students to reflect on the video: **Why were Beth and Lucy so scared at the beginning of the video?** (They had been bullied and were scared to talk about it.)
 - **Why do you think they were scared to talk to somebody about being bullied?** (Answers may include they didn't want to be made fun of, they didn't want to admit that they couldn't handle it, and they didn't want to be bullied even more.)
 - **How did Max help Beth and Lucy in this video?** (He encouraged them to be courageous and to tell Father. He was a true friend who cared for them and wanted to help them.)
 - **What virtue did Beth and Lucy practice when they pushed through their fear to talk to Father Brown?** (Fortitude. They acted bravely and courageously by talking to a trusted adult about being bullied.) This is a good time to remind the students that (1) bullying is very wrong and (2) they should talk to a trusted adult if they are being bullied.
- Highlight the teaching point of the video: **What are the three virtues that make up fortitude?** (Patience, perseverance, and magnanimity.)
 - **What example of perseverance did Father Brown give?** (Working hard on your homework even when it is difficult.)
 - Max is said to be very patient in class. **When have you found it hard to be patient in class?** (Answers may include when it is close to lunchtime, when it is nice outside, and when the teacher is boring.)
 - Father Brown explained that we do not need to save the world to be magnanimous. **What are examples of magnanimity that he mentioned?** (Opening the door for others and singing in the church choir with great love.)
- End by deepening the teaching point of the video: **Why is bullying wrong?** (Answers may include it hurts others, it does not recognize the goodness of the other person, and it treats others in a way that we do not want to be treated.)
 - **Instead of tearing people down, what should we as Christians do?** (Answers may include build people up, compliment them, and draw them to holiness.)
 - **What happens when we do what is right in these smaller matters?** (We become more virtuous, holier, and closer to being saints!)