

WORD ^{of} LIFE

Chapter 2

Lesson Enhancement Video: Sign of the Cross

- **Start with the teaching point of the video:** *How do we begin all our prayers? (With the Sign of the Cross.)*
 - **What does the Sign of the Cross remind us of?** *(That God is a Blessed Trinity.)*
 - **Who is the Blessed Trinity?** *(God.)*
 - **Who are the Persons of the Blessed Trinity?** *(Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.)*
 - **What shape do we make when we make the Sign of the Cross?** *(A cross.)*
 - **Who died for us on the Cross?** *(Jesus.)* Jesus died to save us and so we can be His friends.
- **Have the students demonstrate the Sign of the Cross.** Remind them that we touch our heads to remember what God has done for us, our hearts because we must love God with our whole hearts, and our shoulders because we need to take that love out into the world.
 - **Should we make the Sign of the Cross very quickly or prayerfully?** *(Prayerfully.)*
 - **When we make the Sign of the Cross, should we be thinking about God, who loves us, or about something else?** *(God, who loves us.)* The Sign of the Cross helps us focus our hearts and minds on God as we begin and end our prayers.

Small Wonders for Chapter 2: Words of Love

Lesson Link: God's love in action and living as a family of love. It's not unusual for us to become so caught up in the world's ideas and teachings about love that we don't put love into action in the way Jesus showed us.

- **How were the Toys confused about the meaning of love?** *(They thought it was a feeling or something "romantic" or simply poetic, but not something we show to others.)*
- **How can you show your love to those around you?** *(Answers may vary but should include things like doing kind deeds, helping them, saying kind words, and providing what they need.)*