

WORD of LIFE

Chapter 4

Lesson Enhancement Video: Part of God's Family

- **Start with the teaching point of the video:** In this video, we learned about the many covenants God made with His people. **What is a covenant?** (A special promise or a sacred bond that God makes with His people.)
 - **What makes the covenant a special promise?** (It is holy, or sacred; it is a promise between us and God.)
 - **In general, what does God promise in a covenant?** (He promises to love and care for us.)
 - **In general, what do we need to do when we are in a covenant with God?** (We must love and obey Him in return.)
- **Develop the teaching point of the video:** **Can you name some of the people God made covenants with?** (Answers may include Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, and us.)
 - **What did God specifically promise in His covenant with Adam and Eve?** (That He would send a Savior, Jesus.)
 - **What did God specifically promise in His covenant with Noah?** (That He would never flood the earth again.)
 - **What did God specifically promise in His covenant with Abraham?** (That his descendants would be more numerous than the stars in the sky and that He would give his descendants the Promised Land.)
 - **What did God specifically promise in His covenant with Moses?** (That He would take care of His Chosen People and lead them back to the Promised Land.)
 - **What did God specifically promise in His covenant with David?** (That his kingdom would last forever.)
- **Make the video more personal:** **What is the last and greatest covenant?** (The New Covenant of love.)
 - **Who is the New Covenant made between?** (God and each of us individually.)
 - **What do we need to do?** (Love God with all our hearts, minds, and souls.)
 - **What does God promise?** (That He will care for us and bring us into friendship with Him now and forever in Heaven.)
 - **When we enter into this covenant, what family do we join?** (We join God's family. We are sons and daughters of God.)

Gabriel's Quest for Chapter 4: The Invitation

Lesson Link: God asked Abraham to make sacrifices in his life. These sacrifices showed Abraham's faith in God and strengthened his faith in God. Gabriel is faced with a sacrifice that is hard to make. He learns the importance of such sacrifices.

- **What choice did Gabriel make?** (He sacrificed talking with his dad to go to the party.)
- **Was Gabriel happy with his decision? Why?** (No. He missed seeing his dad and didn't know when he would see him again.)
- **Have you ever had to choose between two choices? How did you decide?** (Answers may vary.)
- **Optional:** Have students use their journal pages to reflect on Question 3: **Have you ever had to choose between two choices? How did you decide?** Journal pages are available on the catechist and student portals.