

# WORD of LIFE

## Chapter 7

### Lesson Enhancement Video: God Dwells among His People

- **Start with the students' response to the video:** *What are some things you saw at the beginning of this video?* (Answers may include a church, the Eucharist, and a priest placing the Eucharist in a monstrance.)
  - What you saw was the priest placing the Eucharist in a gold monstrance for the people to adore Jesus. This is called eucharistic adoration or adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **Why would the priest do this?** (Answers may vary.)
  - The priest places the Eucharist in the monstrance so that we can see Jesus, pray with Him, and adore Him. **Have you ever prayed with Jesus in this way?** (Answers may vary.)
- **Draw out comparisons from the video:** In the video, we also were reminded of the time when God gave His Chosen People manna. **Why did He do this?** (Because they were starving in the desert and needed His help.)
  - **Was God there for them when they needed Him?** (Yes.) The manna strengthened them and supplied them with nourishment.
- **Make the video more personal:** *Have you ever gone to God with your concerns and needs?* (Answers may vary.)
  - **What are some things you have asked God to help you with?** (Answers may vary.)
  - **Will He be there to help you and give you what you need, like He gave His Chosen People what they needed?** (Yes.)
  - This is a good time to share a time when you were in need and went to see Jesus in the Eucharist to pray with Him because you trusted that He would give you what you needed.

### Gabriel's Quest for Chapter 7: The Empty Manger

**Lesson Link: Jesus fulfills all God's promises to His people.** The Nativity was a foreshadowing of the Eucharist. Jesus' humble Birth reveals to us what His mission on earth will be—to give Himself to take away our sins and to give Himself to us in the Eucharist, out of love.

- **Why would Gabriel ask, "What good is all this praying?"** (Answers may include because he was scared for his dad, he didn't see an answer right away, and he didn't see God doing anything.)
- **Have you or someone you know asked this question?** (Answers may vary.)
- **How did Mr. Norm answer Gabriel's question about praying?** (Answers may include seeing that God answers all prayers in Jesus, it is good and makes a difference to pray, and all God's answers are from love even when they are not what we want.)
- **Optional:** Have students use their journal pages to reflect on this question: **How would you respond to someone who asked you, "What good is all this praying?"** Journal pages are available on the catechist and student portals.