

WORD of LIFE

Chapter 8

Lesson Enhancement Video: Baptism: Freed from Sin

- **Start with personal experience:** *Have you ever wondered why we do certain things as Catholics, such as why there is an altar in the Church, why Jesus chose bread to make into His Body, or why Jesus chose water to be used in the Sacrament of Baptism?* (Answers may vary.)
 - While we cannot answer every one of these questions right now, know that there is an answer to each of these questions. Today we will discuss why water is used in the Sacrament of Baptism. **Aside from drinking water, what do we most often use water for?** (To clean ourselves and things.) Water washes away the dirt and the grime.
 - **What does Baptism wash away?** (Original Sin.)
 - **Do you see any similarity between the water used to clean and the water of Baptism?** (Both clean away what is bad and dirty. Baptism washes away our sins so we won't be slaves to sin and we can be free to follow God.)
- **Remind the students of the splitting of the Red Sea:** *In the video, Clyde's mom talked about what event in the Old Testament?* (The splitting of the Red Sea.)
 - **Why did God split the Red Sea?** (To save His Chosen People.)
 - **What did the Red Sea do to the bad Egyptians who were chasing God's Chosen People and trying to capture them?** (It washed them away.)
 - **So, what were the two things that water did in this event?** (It washed away what was bad and it saved God's Chosen People.)
- **End with the teaching point of the video:** *What did the waters of the Red Sea save God's Chosen People from?* (Slavery to the Egyptians.)
 - **Now, what kind of slavery does Baptism save us from?** (Slavery to sin.)
 - **So, how is Baptism like the waters of the Red Sea?** (Answers may include both wash away what is bad, save people from slavery, and offer salvation.)

Gabriel's Quest for Chapter 8: Promises

Lesson Link: God gave His Chosen People clues to remind them about His promises to send a Savior. These promises and reminders are in the Bible.

- **How were the clues (lawn mower, cacao bean, and fire) connected to the cupcakes?** (The lawn mower has an engine like that used to harvest wheat, which is ground into flour. Cacao beans make the chocolate that is in the cupcakes. Fire, or heat, bakes the batter.)
- It wasn't easy for the class to put the clues together and guess the surprise. **What did they have to do when they couldn't figure it out?** (Trust in their teacher.)
- **Can you think of some of the clues and reminders that God gives in the Bible to remind us of His love and promises?** (Answers may include God's promise to Adam and Eve, His rescue of Noah and his family, the promise He made to Abraham, the sacrifice of Isaac, rescuing His people from Egypt, and David's kingdom.)
- God promised to give us a way to be holy again. It took a long time for the promise to be fulfilled. **How did God keep His promise?** (By sending His Son, Jesus.)
- **Optional:** Have students use their journal pages to reflect on Question 3: **Can you think of some of the clues and reminders that God gives in the Bible to remind us of His love and promises?** Journal pages are available on the catechist and student portals.