

# WORD <sup>of</sup> LIFE

## Chapter 8

### Lesson Enhancement Video: Restoring Communion between God and Man

- Start by reviewing the content from a previous video in this series on communion: **What happened to our communion with God because of Original Sin?** (We lost it.)
  - **What kind of chasm, or break, was formed between us and God?** (An infinite chasm, or break, between us and God was formed because of our sin.)
- Develop the teaching point of the video: **Who committed Original Sin?** (Adam and Eve—human persons.)
  - **So, if human persons committed the sin that caused the chasm, should they try to make a sacrifice worthy to heal this communion?** (Yes.)
  - **But is anything we give God enough to heal an infinite break in our friendship with Him?** (No. Anything we give will be limited, and the chasm is infinite, or without limit.)
- Finish by making the connection: **If a human or angel could not heal this infinite chasm, who could?** (God could heal an infinite chasm because He is infinite.)
  - **So, if a man had to heal the chasm, but only God can heal it, what do you think is the solution?** (Jesus, who is both fully God and fully man.)
  - **As fully man, what can Jesus do?** (He can offer the sacrifice on behalf of all people.)
  - **As fully God, what can Jesus do?** (He has the power to heal an infinite chasm.)
  - Remind the students that this is why Jesus being born as a baby is so important: only He, who is fully God and fully man, could be our Savior.

### Lesson Enhancement Video: The Kingdom of God

- Review the parable given in the video: In this video, we listened to one of Jesus' parables. We heard about a man who found a treasure in a field. **What does this man do when he finds the treasure?** (He buries it again and sells all that he has. Then he buys the land in which the treasure is kept so that he can have the treasure.)
  - **How would you react if you found a large treasure chest in a field?** (Answers may vary.)
  - **What would you do with the treasure?** (Answers may vary.)
- Highlight the teaching point of the video: **What does Jesus say the treasure is like?** (The Kingdom of God.)
  - **What is the Kingdom of God?** (It is a spiritual kingdom of peace and joy that reigns in our hearts; it will last forever.)
  - **How do we live in this Kingdom of God?** (By living in communion with God.)
  - **Who is the King of the Kingdom of God?** (Jesus.)
- Develop the teaching point of the video: **So, is the Kingdom of God greater than a large treasure chest in a field?** (Answers may vary.)
  - Remarkably, it really is! **Why?** (Pause.) **Why would discovering God's kingdom in our hearts be worth so much more than a large treasure chest?** (Being in communion with God gives us peace and joy; His kingdom will last forever.)

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- **What does a large treasure chest give you?** (A lot of money.)
- **Will that money last forever?** (No.) **Will you be able to take the money with you when you die?** (No.)
- **But what will the Kingdom of God give you?** (Eternal life, love, joy, and peace that will last forever.)
- **Will this last forever?** (Yes, if we remain in God's grace.) **Will we be able to receive eternal life due to God's graces that He gives through the Church?** (Yes.)
- Then the Kingdom of God truly is greater than a large treasure chest in the ground. **End by encouraging the children to be joyful! They just realized that the gift of God's grace and the Church are greater than any amount of money!**