WORD of LIFE

Chapter 9

Lesson Enhancement Video: The Paschal Mystery

- Start by reviewing the content from a previous video in this series on communion: What is one reason that Jesus became one of us? (Because He wanted to restore us to communion with God.)
 - Is Jesus fully God? (Yes.) Why did someone need to be fully God in order to restore us to communion with God? (Only God could heal the infinite chasm created by our sin.)
 - Is Jesus fully man? (Yes.) Why did someone need to be fully man in order to restore us to communion with God? (If the infinite chasm was to be healed, a human had to offer a proper sacrifice.)
- Highlight the teaching point of the video: What sacrifice did Jesus offer for all of us? (He offered Himself on the Cross.)
 - Was Jesus' sacrifice perfect and infinite or imperfect and limited? (Perfect and infinite.)
 - Because His sacrifice was of infinite value, what could it do? (It bridged the chasm between us and God; atoned, or made up, for our sins; and opened the gates of Heaven.)
 - Did Jesus die for just the Original Sin of Adam and Eve or for all our sins? (All the sins of mankind.)
 - What did Jesus do after His Death? (He rose again from the dead.)
 - Where is Jesus now? (He ascended into Heaven and waits for us there.) This is a good time to remind the students that just because Jesus is in Heaven does not mean that He is far away; He still gives us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist and is present in His Word and through His priests.
- Develop the teaching point of the video: **Do you know why we, as Catholics, wear crucifixes and put them in our homes?** (Answers may vary.)
 - Teach the students that these crucifixes remind us of God's great love for us and that it is only by Jesus' sacrifice that we can have forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and communion with God.