

WORD ^{of} LIFE

Video Discussion Guide for Grade 5 School

Chapter 1

Lesson Enhancement Video: Nature and the Virtues

- **Start with the teaching point of the video:** *Why did Anna, the gardener, say that an acorn will grow into an oak tree and not a tomato, fish, or elephant? (Because it has a certain nature.)*
 - When an acorn becomes what God intended, it flourishes. **What do we mean by flourish?** (It is healthy and grows big and tall.)
 - **In what way are we like the acorn?** (We also have a nature that makes us who we are—human—and determines how we will grow. Like the acorn, we can grow according to our nature and as God intends.)
- **Develop the teaching point of the video:** Unlike the tree, we can make choices. **What did Anna say we need to develop in order to flourish as human persons?** (Virtues.)
 - **What is our supernatural end or goal that God created us for?** (Communion with Him.)
 - **Because we cannot reach this supernatural end on our own, what does God give to us?** (Grace and the supernatural virtues, such as faith, hope, and charity.)
- **Provide action:** **What virtues do you need to grow in so that you can flourish more as a human person?** (Answers may vary.)
 - **What can you do so that you grow in these virtues?** (Answers may include pray, perform smaller acts of virtue to build up to greater ones, receive the sacraments, and ask for Mary's intercession.)