

WORD of LIFE

Chapter 12

Lesson Enhancement Video: True and Perfect Friendship

- Start with personal experience: **Who are some of your friends?** (Answers may vary.)
 - **Why are you friends with them?** (Answers may include we like the same movies, we have fun together, and we go to the same school.)
 - **What do you think is the most important thing about being a friend?** (Answers may include communication, generosity, and caring for each other.)
- Develop the teaching point of the video: **In the video, what did Father Brown say is the most important part of a real friendship?** (He said a real friend wills the good of the other.)
 - **What does it mean to will the good of another?** (To want what is best for the other—true happiness and holiness.)
 - **What did Father say are the characteristics of a true and perfect friend?** (A true and perfect friend is like you in your virtue and desire to follow God and leads you to greater holiness and a closer relationship with God.)
 - Max talked about his friend Danny, who did not lead him to virtue. **What did Father Brown recommend that Max do in this situation?** (He told Max to try to convince Danny not to do bad things, but if Danny kept doing what is wrong, then Max should not keep hanging out with him. Danny may end up encouraging Max to do what is wrong.)
- Relate to the students' personal experience: **With this information, which people in your life are real friends—the ones that will your good?** (Answers may vary.)
 - Now think about which friends are your true and perfect friends—the ones who are like you in virtue and encourage you to love God. (Pause.) You may not want them list names out loud so as not to have hurt feelings, but you can have the students think about this prompt. And consider telling a personal story about a true and perfect friend you have.
 - **Do you have any friends who lead you away from Jesus?** (Pause.) **Have you encouraged them to turn away from their bad actions?** (Answers may vary.) Remind students that if these people continue to do bad things, they should not hang around them anymore.