

WORD ⁺of LIFE

Chapter 2

Lesson Enhancement Video: Our Response to God's Call

- **Start with personal experience:** *What do you do before you have a friend over to visit?* (Answers may include pick up my toys, sweep the floors, or tidy the house.)
 - **Why do you clean the house before someone comes over?** (Answers may include because I want to make things look nice for my friend and I want my friend to feel welcome.)
 - **In the video, what was the little girl doing?** (Cleaning the house.)
 - **Why was she doing this?** (Because she was eagerly waiting for Jesus to come and visit her.)
- **Highlight the teaching point of the video:** The little girl is showing us that when Christ knocks on the door of our houses, we, too, should make sure things are cleaned up in our hearts and souls.
 - **What are some ways we can remove distractions and the mess our sin has made?** (Answers may vary.)
 - **One way we can remove distractions so that we hear Jesus knocking is to find a quiet place to pray every day. What is a place in your house where you can quietly pray to Jesus?** (Answers may include bedroom, outside, and office.)
 - **One way we can clean up the mess of sin is by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When was the last time you received this sacrament?** (Answers may vary.) **Remind the students when this sacrament is offered at your parish so that they can encourage their parents to take them.**
- **Provide peace and encouragement:** *If we make our hearts ready for Christ and open the door when He knocks, what do you think we will receive?* (His love and peace beyond all human understanding.)
 - This is a good time to tell an age-appropriate story of a time when you found peace in God's presence in your life.