

# WORD of 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!