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Everything that happens to us, whether it is something happy, painful or indifferent, has a meaning. The same is true for every meeting, or every situation in the family or at school, or even our own health. There is a meaning behind everything!

Everything contributes to fulfilling the plan of God for us, which we will discover little by little, day after day, doing God's will in each present moment.

No matter what the will of God brings to us – be it happy or sad or indifferent – we can repeat the words Jesus taught us to say in the Our Father:

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This is how we live...

*“At home, at school and with my friends, I try to live the Gospel. The place I find it hardest to do that is at school. My classmates don't consider a Christian lifestyle as something important and they **often find any excuse to make fun of me for my beliefs.** The worst part is that I let myself be influenced by them and make some bad choices, like not accepting someone or making fun of them. I realize it's wrong to do that. **Luckily I can talk over these things with other teens** who are trying to live the Word of Life, too. That gives me the courage to start all over again and then I feel really happy”.*

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