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**LIVING THE WORD**

**I got to be friends with a boy in my neighborhood who has the reputation of being someone who steals.**

One day when I was coming home from the store I saw a group of people kicking and punching someone laying on the ground.

**I got closer and saw that it was my friend. He had broken into a store and stolen some things.**



**WITNESS TO HIS LOVE**

When I saw what happened, I went away before he could see me, because I thought he would be embarrassed for me to see him like that. **The next day I went to his house. We were alone and I told him that I'd seen what happened to him and that I was so sorry it made me cry.**

**I asked him if he believed in God, and if he knew that God loves him.**

He didn't answer. I went on, asking if he wanted to change his lifestyle. He said yes.

**So I told him that if he really wanted to change, he should start by helping his mom with the housework or washing the dishes, and not go roaming around the neighborhood. Maybe if he did that, his mom would be able to send him to school. He accepted and said he would try.**

I went back to see him a few days later and he told me everything he had done. He said his mom was so happy about the change in him that she wanted to get to know this friend of his.

When I saw her, she thanked me very much for what I had done for her son and told me that if he keeps going like this, she will send him to school. And that's what happened! **Now he is going to school in another city.**

**Berkly from Cameroon, Africa**



**RULE OF LIFE**

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**«Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.» (Mt. 10:32)**

Jesus is encouraging us, with this Word of Life, to be consistent in living our faith, because our eternal destiny depends on how we live and the attitude we have towards him during our life on earth.

**How can we live this Word of his?**

He tells us himself: «Everyone who acknowledges me before others...».

**Let's decide to always tell others that we know him. We can do it simply and honestly.**

**Jesus wants to reach everyone with his message of peace, justice and love. And he can do it through us!**

Let's bear witness to him especially by the way we act - to be honest, to live according to our Ideal, to have good moral values, to be detached from money, to be **witnesses of the culture of giving by sharing the joys and sufferings of others.**

Let's give witness above all by our mutual love, our unity, so that the peace and joy that Jesus promised to those who are united to him will fill our souls and overflow onto others.

**By living like this perhaps many people who are looking for Jesus will find him.**



**IN ACTION**  
**LET'S GIVE WITNESS TO HIM WHEREVER WE ARE**



**IN OUR FAMILY**



**AT SCHOOL**



**DURING SPORTS**



**WITH OUR FRIENDS**



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Mark here the times that you were able to give witness to him.