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Doing chores in a timely manner	○ Not bullying others
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Sharing use of the computer, telephone, and TV	Reporting any bullying to a teacher or counselor
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Respecting older family members	○ Not cheating on tests
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Parents, Catechists, Teachers: Responding as Jesus might to challenging situations requires practice. Talk with your young person about the item that seems most difficult in each list.