


# Baptism in the Bible

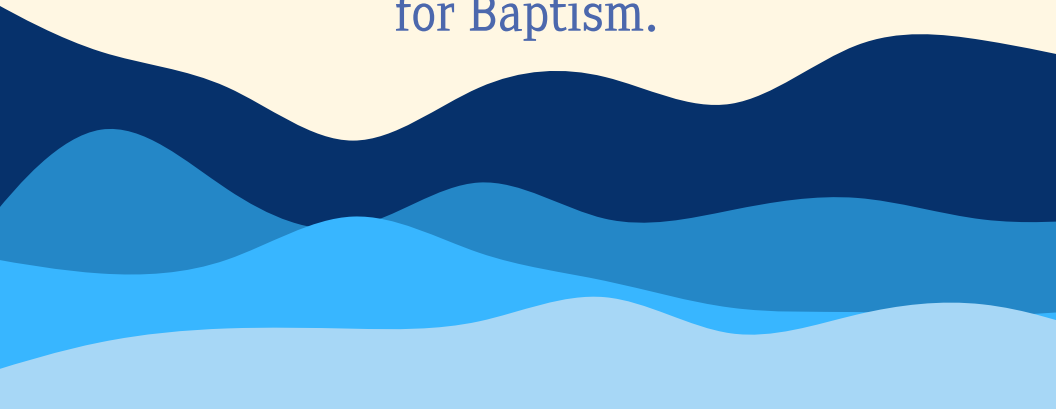


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Since Adam and Eve's first sin, God  
has been on a mission to save His  
people, and renew our relationship  
with Him.

Baptism is an important part of how  
God chose to accomplish that mission.

Read and discuss the following 6  
biblical stories to get a snapshot of  
how God's work unfolded and prepared  
for Baptism.

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**Begin by reading Genesis  
chapter 3 verses 1-15, 20-21**

Why do you think God gave Adam and Eve the rule not to eat from the tree?

Why do you think Adam and Eve chose to eat the fruit?

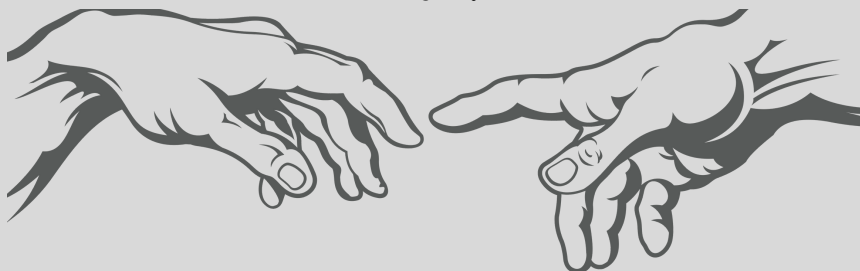
What do you notice about Adam and Eve's behavior when God encounters them after they have sinned?

What is the significance of God making Adam and Eve clothes?



Ever since Adam and Eve's first sin, every person has shared a sin problem, original sin.

Not everything that goes wrong is a sin though. There are three requirements for something to be a sin.



1. It must be "grave matter" or in other words, it has to be serious. Typically, we determine if it is grave matter if it breaks one of the 10 Commandments.
2. We have to choose to do the wrong thing, we can't "accidentally" sin, and we definitely can't be forced to sin.
3. We have to do it with "full knowledge." We have to know that what we are choosing is the wrong thing to do.

Write an example of something we might do that is "wrong" but not a sin:

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The Good News is, God loves us, even when we sin, and God wants to forgive us. Even after the first sin, God promised to solve our sin problem and save His people.

God always loved His people and chose special men and women to help save His people.

For example, God chose Noah and his family when God saved His righteous people in the great flood.

Read **Genesis Chapter 7 verses 1-19** and **chapter 8 verses 6-20**



God also chose Moses to save His people from slavery in Egypt.

**Read Exodus chapter 14 verses 10-31**

What do the story of Moses and Noah have in common?

Why do you think God chose to use water to save His people?

Can you think of any other examples of God using water in the Bible?



God always loved his people, but we could never solve the problem of sin on our own. God always knew He was the only one who could truly fix the sin problem and save all of humanity.

In order for the problem of sin to be solved, God knew He had to begin a new relationship with His people and share His life with them. So God became man and was born as a small child named Jesus.

Read Matthew Chapter 1 verses 18-25



Like Matthews Gospel says, Jesus' name means "God is with us," or "God's salvation."

Jesus came to Earth for three main reasons:

1. To save His people through the greatest act of love, and restore our relationship with Him
2. To help us to know God personally, like a friend, and show us how to love God and one another.
3. To give us His Spirit to help us live our life with God as his sons and daughters.





Jesus showed us that God wanted to use water to wash away sin and help us begin new life with Him.

Jesus promised to send His spirit to each person to help them love God and each other.

Read Matthew chapter 3 verses 1-6 and verses 13-17

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, he gave His people a mission. Jesus wanted every person throughout the world to know about His love, and have their sins washed away in baptism.

### **Read Matthew 28:16-20**

Why did Jesus die on the cross for us?

Why do you think Jesus wants each person to be baptized?

How can you show that you love God?



When a person is baptized  
three important things  
happen:

1. They are made new  
and all their sins are  
washed away.



2. Each person is adopted  
as a son or daughter of  
God, and a member of His  
Church.

3. The Holy Spirit remains  
with them and gives them  
special gifts for the power  
to love the way God loves  
us.



Every person who is baptized shares the  
disciples' mission to tell people about  
God's love.

When you are baptized, who should you tell  
about God's love?

What would you tell people about God's  
love?

