



# *Knowing God*

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## What Is Baptism?

Baptism is a ceremony when the church leaders use water as a symbol that you are made clean by Jesus Christ and have received the Holy Spirit. The water is just a symbol of what Jesus has already done in your life. John, who used water to baptize many people, made this clear.

**Luke 3** <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Peter talks about water being a symbol of what Christ does for you.

**1 Peter 3** <sup>21</sup>and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also-not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand - with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

You should ask the church leaders to baptize you, to say to the world that you follow Jesus Christ. Ask them if you can say a few words first, to explain what has happened to you and how you intend to follow Jesus. In the baptism ceremony they will ask you to come forward and confess your decision to follow Jesus. They will then take you through a brief ceremony using water to symbolize your cleansing and new life.

**Titus 3** <sup>4</sup>But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.

### Questions:

Are you ready for baptism?

- Have you asked Jesus to forgive your sins?
- Have you asked the Holy Spirit to live in you and free you from sin?
- Have you decided to turn away from all other spirits?

If you can answer yes to all of these questions, you are ready. Ask your pastor to baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

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- God forgives us and gives us his Holy Spirit.
- God is making a new world for those who love him.
- If you choose him now, he will accept you into Heaven when he comes back in power.
- He has given us "baptism" as a symbol of our choice.

Would you like some more studies - to learn more about Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_ .

## God The Creator.



**Genesis 1** <sup>1</sup>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning--the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." <sup>7</sup>So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning--the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening, and there was morning--the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made two great lights--the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening, and there was morning--the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>22</sup>God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening, and there was morning--the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

### Questions:

1. What did God make on each day?

Day 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 4: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 5: \_\_\_\_\_

Day 6: \_\_\_\_\_

**Multiple choice: (Mark one of the answers , then answer the next line.)**

2. What does Genesis 1:1 tell us about God?

- God was a spirit.
- God had been sleeping.
- God was alive before anything was made.

What does that tell you about God? He is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. What did God make the sun, moon and stars out of? (Day 4, verse 14-15)

- water
- air
- nothing

What does that tell you about God? He is \_\_\_\_\_.

Heaven will be a new world with no suffering, tears, hunger or fear. It will be for those who love God and God will live amongst us.

**1 Peter 4** <sup>12</sup>Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. <sup>15</sup>If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. <sup>16</sup>However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. <sup>17</sup>For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" <sup>19</sup>So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

## God Tells Us To Choose

If you have chosen to accept Christ's gift of forgiveness and new life through his Holy Spirit, then he expects you to serve God alone, and not to be ashamed of him.

**Luke 9** <sup>26</sup>If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

**Romans 10** <sup>9</sup>If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. <sup>11</sup>As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

### Questions:

4. What do these verses say God requires of his followers?

- He wants us to be happy.
- He wants us to keep our faith a secret.
- He wants us to tell others that we are following Jesus Christ.

Name someone you could tell about Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_.

There are three main ways you can tell people about Jesus. You can do it by living a better life now. You can do it by talking to people. You can do it by being baptized in the name of Jesus. Jesus told us that baptism is an important part of our decision to follow him.

**Matthew 28** <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Spirit of Christ (called the Holy Spirit) helps us to live without sin. Have you asked the Holy Spirit to come into your life yet? \_\_\_\_\_. You can do so right now.

Simple prayer for forgiveness and for receiving the Holy Spirit:

God, I know that you are there, and I want to walk with you. I put my trust in you and in your son, Jesus Christ. Please forgive me of my sins and give me the Holy Spirit to help me to stop sinning. Thank you. Amen.

## ***God's Solution to The World's Problems***

The world has many problems today because we rebelled against the Creator. There are sinful men and evil spirits. There is sickness, suffering and death. This should not surprise us though, because the world is rebelling against the one true God.

God has provided us with a way to be forgiven and he gives us new life through his Holy Spirit. However, what should he do with the evil spirits, the corruption and the suffering in this world? Should he try to fix up every problem? No! That wouldn't work because there would still be sinful men and evil spirits, creating more suffering.

God decided to make a new, perfect world for those who faithfully follow him. This new world is called Heaven and Jesus will be the King of Heaven. Jesus sometimes heals us in this world, but sometimes he asks us to live through suffering – to test us and to purify us for the new glorious world.

**John 14** Jesus said, <sup>1</sup>"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."

**2 Peter 3** <sup>13</sup>But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

### **Questions:**

3. Since God is so powerful, will he always heal us when we are sick?
- No, he never heals us.
  - Yes, he always heals us.
  - Sometimes he heals, sometimes he asks us to trust him in suffering.

God's great solution to suffering is far greater than anything the spirits could do. What is His plan? \_\_\_\_\_.

4. What did God have to do to make the world?

- Mix magic herbs
- Speak
- Work hard

What does that tell you about God? He is \_\_\_\_\_.

5. How are men and women different to any other animal, in verse 26?

- they were made like God
- they were very rich
- they were hungry

What does that tell you about men and women? We are \_\_\_\_\_.

## ***God Is Lord of The World***

**Acts 17** <sup>24</sup>"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. <sup>25</sup>And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup>From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. <sup>27</sup>God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

### **Questions:**

6. Acts 17:24 tells us that God is what?

- Lord of heaven and earth
- A friend of mankind
- Very strong

If God is Lord of everything, is He your Lord? \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Where did all men come from, according to verse 26?

- From animals
- From Adam, the first man
- From the spirits

If Adam was special to God, what does that mean about you? \_\_\_\_\_.

8. What does God want us to do in verse 27?

- Be happy
- Have a lot of children
- Seek Him and find Him

According to verse 27, where is God now? \_\_\_\_\_.

## There Is Only One True God

*1 Chronicles 16* <sup>29</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. <sup>30</sup>Tremble before him, all the earth! The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

### Question:

9. How should all creation respond to God who made us?
- Honour Him
  - Ignore Him
  - Distrust Him

Have you worshiped this one true God? \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Our Response To God

*Joshua 24* <sup>14</sup>"Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped before, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

### Questions:

10. If you want to honour God, what must you do, in verse 14?
- Stop serving any other gods.
  - Bring him gifts.
  - Visit His temple.

Have you and your family worshiped other gods? \_\_\_\_\_ . To follow God means to stop worshipping all other gods.

11. What did the people have to do for themselves in verse 15?
- Make themselves clean.
  - Wear a charm.
  - Make the choice to follow God.

How will you follow Him? \_\_\_\_\_ .

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## Christ In Your Life

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### From Our Last Study:

- Jesus Christ was "God's Son" – God living among us.
- Jesus died to pay for our sins.
- He came back to life by the power of the Spirit.
- He gives us the Spirit to live in us so that we can be born again and become more like him.

## You Have Been Made Alive In Christ

*Ephesians 2* <sup>1</sup>As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. <sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in sins—it is by grace you have been saved.

### Questions:

**Multiple choice: (Mark one of the answers , then answer the next line.)**

1. Why is the death of Jesus Christ so important to us?
- Because everyone dies.
  - Because now we can be forgiven for all of our sins.
  - Because it gives us the Easter holiday.

Have you asked Jesus to forgive your sins? \_\_\_\_\_ .

2. Why is receiving the Spirit so important to us?
- Because the Spirit gives us new power to live for God.
  - Because the Spirit helps us feel good.
  - Because the Spirit is not made of flesh.

**Questions:**

- 5. Where is Jesus Today?
  - He is still dead in a grave.
  - He is alive and was seen by his followers.
  - We don't know where he is.

He comes to you today. Would you welcome Him? \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Romans 8** <sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.

He lives inside of us by his Spirit. He makes us into new people, almost like we have been born anew.

**John 3** <sup>3</sup>Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

<sup>4</sup>"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

<sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup>You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'

**Questions:**

- 6. When the Spirit of Jesus lives inside of us, what happens?
  - We have new power to stop sinning.
  - He teaches us the truth from God.
  - He tells when we are doing something wrong.

That was a trick question, because all of the answers are correct. What does John call it when you receive the Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_ .

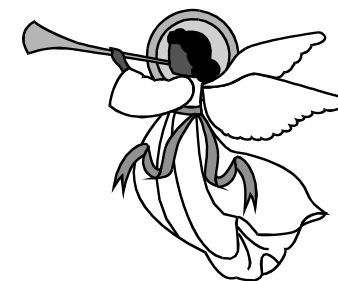
**Romans 8** <sup>9</sup>You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

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**Angel and Spirits**



**From Our Last Study:**

God created the world, the animals and mankind. Man was a special creature, made something like God – perhaps in his ability to think, to love, to create, to choose between good and evil.

However, trouble soon came, and it was this ability to choose between good and evil that brought trouble to the earth.

It started with trouble in the world of the spirits.

**Psalm 93** <sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and is armed with strength. The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved. <sup>2</sup>Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.

**The Spirit World**

God made spirit creatures, called angels. These spirits were good and were made for serving God and mankind (since man is made in God's image).

**Psalm 103** <sup>20</sup>Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. <sup>21</sup>Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

**Questions:**

**Multiple choice: (Mark one of the answers , then answer the next line.)**

- 1. Why were angels created?
  - To rule the earth.
  - To obey and serve God.
  - To serve men and women who don't love God.

Were the angels good or evil? \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Hebrews 1** <sup>14</sup>Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

**Luke 1** <sup>19</sup>The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news.

#### Questions:

2. Are the angels willing to help people?
  - They don't care about people.
  - They are angry with us.
  - God sends them to help his children.

How could the angels help you? \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Evil Spirits Come Into the World

Suddenly evil spirits appeared in the world. Some think that evil spirits were angels who rebelled against God following a powerful angel named Lucifer. Lucifer did not want to serve God; he wanted to be equal with God.

**Ezekiel 28** <sup>13</sup>You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, onyx and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. <sup>14</sup>You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. <sup>15</sup>You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. <sup>16</sup>Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. <sup>17</sup>Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth;

**Isaiah 14** <sup>12</sup>How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star (Lucifer), son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! <sup>13</sup>You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. <sup>14</sup>I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." <sup>15</sup>But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit.

The Bible suggests that Lucifer (or Satan) convinced some angels to follow him.

**Revelation 12** <sup>7</sup>And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. <sup>8</sup>But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. <sup>9</sup>The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient

**Why was this a difficult case then? It was difficult because the woman was the judge's own daughter. More than that, he knew that she did not have the money to pay the fine, so she would have to go to jail. The judge loved his daughter and did not want to send her to jail, but he was a fair judge and he could not ignore her crime.**

**What would you have done? Here is what the judge did. He decided that she was guilty and he sentenced her to a heavy fine. She left the courtroom very sad because she knew she would go to jail. But... after she had left the courtroom, the judge stood up and took off his black robe. He then went and stood beside her in the courthouse and he took out his own wallet and paid the fine for her. He was a fair judge, but he also loved his daughter.**

That is what God did for us. He had to give punishment for our sins, but he loved us very much. So he came to earth and took our punishment for us. When he died, he was paying for our sins.

**1 Peter 2** <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

#### Questions:

4. How could God forgive our sins?
  - By ignoring them.
  - By paying for them.
  - By making us pay for them.

If you put your trust in Jesus Christ, what does he do with your sins? \_\_\_\_\_ .

## Jesus Christ Was Too Powerful to Stay Dead

**Acts 10** <sup>39</sup>"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup>He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."



**Questions:**

**Multiple choice: (Mark one of the answers , then answer the next line.)**

1. How did God decide to tell us that he loves us?

- By sending a teacher.
- By sending us a book.
- By becoming a man and living with us.

God did all three. Can you identify when he sent a teacher and a book?

\_\_\_\_\_ .

2. What lies has Satan told you about God, creation and spirits?

- \_\_\_\_\_ .
- \_\_\_\_\_ .
- \_\_\_\_\_ .

### *Jesus Christ Died For Our Sins*

God did not only come to live with us. He came to pay for our sins. How was he going to do that?

*Romans 5* <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*John 3* <sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

**Questions:**

3. How can we be forgiven for our sins?

- By believing in Jesus Christ.
- By pretending that we never did anything wrong.
- By paying something for our sins.

What did Jesus do to pay for your sins? \_\_\_\_\_ .

**BUT, How Can the Death of Jesus pay for My Sins?**

Imagine this story.

**There was a good judge. He was a very fair judge, always giving fair decisions. But one day he had an especially difficult case. A young woman was brought before him – she was charged with driving her car too fast. It was clear that she was guilty, and she even admitted it.**

*serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.*

**Questions:**

3. Why was there war in heaven?

- Because arrogant, evil angels rebelled against God.
- Because there was confusion.
- Because heaven was attacked from outside.

Who was stronger, God's angels or Satan's evil spirits? \_\_\_\_\_ .

These strong angels of God are sent to care for you, if you follow God.

Satan and his evil spirits are on the earth. They hate men and women, because they hate God and we are created in God's image.

*1 Peter 5* <sup>8</sup>Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

Some evil spirits might pretend to be ancestor spirits. You must not turn to them – they are evil and they are God's enemies. The bible tells us that Satan can even pretend to be a good angel, "Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light." 2 Corinthians 11:14

**Questions:**

4. Which spirits should you worship?

- God's angels.
- Satan's spirits.
- None, spirits were never made to be worshiped.

There is only one God. To worship anyone else is to rebel against God. Will you worship ancestor spirits? \_\_\_\_\_ .

### *Mankind Chose to Follow Satan*

Sadly, Adam and Eve, the first man and woman chose to trust Satan. Satan pretended to be a snake to trick Adam and Eve.

*Genesis 3* <sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" <sup>4</sup>"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup>"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>When the woman

saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

In this way evil was introduced to mankind. Adam and Eve learned how to disobey God. This disobedience is called sin. When Adam and Eve started to sin, death and suffering and sin came to all of the world.

**Romans 5** <sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.

#### Questions:

5. When do you sin?

- When you don't know the answer.
- When you are born.
- When you chose to do wrong and disobey God.

The bible says that we have all sinned. When have you sinned?

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### ***Why Was This Allowed to Happen?***

It is a test. God is testing each one of us. He wants to know who will chose to follow Him and who will chose to follow Satan and his evil spirits.

**Job 7** <sup>17</sup>"What is man that you make so much of him, that you give him so much attention, <sup>18</sup>that you examine him every morning and test him every moment?"

#### Questions:

6. Who Will Pass God's Test?

- Only those who are very clever.
- Only those who are very strong.
- Those who chose to follow God only?

If we are following God, we can ask him for help. What sort of help do you think God will give us? \_\_\_\_\_.

### ***REVIEW.....***

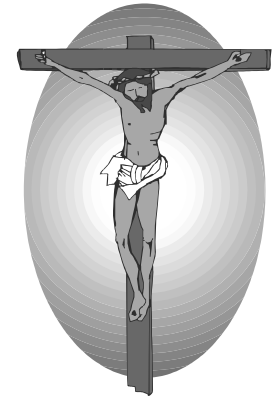
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## **When God Came to Save Us**

### ***Knowing God***

# 3



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All of our lives we have been told lies by this evil spirit, called Satan. He does not want us to know God or to know about God.

But God wants us to know the truth. He loves us and he wants good things for us. How was he going to tell us this, when Satan was busy spreading lies? He decided to do it by coming into the world himself. The Spirit of God joined with a baby and grew to be a man, named Jesus Christ. (He is sometimes called "The Word" because he was God's way of talking to us.)

### ***God Came Into The World***

**John 1** <sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God- <sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.