

*John's clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey.*

**Matthew 3:4 (NLT)**

*When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too.*

**Luke 3:21 (NIV)**

## Questions about baptism

1. What is baptism?
2. Does baptism have the power to save you?
3. Is it more appropriate to baptize babies or people old enough to make a faith decision on their own?

*Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. **Acts 2:41 (NLT)***

*But now the people believed Philip's message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized. **Acts 8:12 (NLT)***

4. How much water is required?

*All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. **Mark 1:5 (NLT)***

*As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. **Mark 1:10 (NLT)***

*At this time John the Baptist was baptizing at Aenon, near Salim, because there was plenty of water there; and people kept coming to him for baptism. **John 3:23 (NLT)***

*As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?" He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. **Acts 8:36-38 (NLT)***

- **The importance of symbolism**

- Passing through the waters of \_\_\_\_\_

*And that water is a picture of baptism... **1 Peter 3:21 (NLT)***

- Being buried with \_\_\_\_\_

*For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with Him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. **Colossians 2:12 (NLT)***

- Having your sins \_\_\_\_\_

5. If I refuse to be baptized, will I forfeit my salvation?

*Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

**Matthew 28:18 - 20 (NLT)**

*Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?" But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires."*

**Matthew 3:13-17 (NLT)**

- **Things I know about obedience**

- 1. Obedience almost always \_\_\_\_\_ understanding
- 2. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ with God on the other side of obedience

*So John agreed to baptize him. After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."*

**Matthew 3:13-17 (NLT)**

6. Why would you not be baptized?