



JOURNEY

THROUGH THE

SEA



**AMAZING
ADVENTURE**

Bible Guides



Back in 1940, during World War II, thousands of Allied soldiers had been trapped by the German army near Dunkirk, France. Soon Nazi tanks began forcing them to retreat toward the sea. It seemed like the Allies would all be taken prisoner . . . or drowned in the ocean. Yet an urgent request quickly went out — and more than 700 English, Dutch, and French fishing boats, big and small, came to their rescue.

In nine days, from May 27 to June 4, over 330,000 soldiers were rescued from the shores of France and taken to safety across the English Channel.

And today, an amazing train crosses the English Channel every day between France and England. This remarkable train travels almost 200 miles per hour through the “Chunnel” under the sea!

Did you know that the Bible also records another great escape? But this one didn't take place under or even over the sea — *but rather through the sea!*

The story is found in Exodus chapter 14. The Jews, who were escaping from Egyptian slavery, found themselves trapped on the banks of the Red Sea. On either side of them were rocky cliffs. And behind them, a massive cloud of dust fast approached — signaling the arrival of the powerful armies of Egypt!

What would you do? Imagine seeing the flashing armor and enormous chariots of the Egyptians charging at you across the desert . . . but you have no weapons with which to defend yourself! You cannot turn back. You have no boats to get your family and belongings across the sea. What will you do? What can you do?

In their distress, the Jews cried out to Moses, who prayed earnestly. And God answered. He told Moses to command the Jewish people onward. Suddenly, a great wind began to blow, and the sea opened up before them! The water formed two shining walls on either side, revealing a path that led right through the middle of the sea.

All the people went safely through the sea.
(Do you think the boys and girls could see fish swimming on the other side of the watery walls?)

After they crossed, when the Jews looked back, they saw their former slave masters chasing after them into the sea. That's when the walls of water came crashing down on their enemies, and God's people rejoiced in their deliverance. They went *into the water* as escaping slaves — they came up *out of the water* as free people with a new life.

Jesus also wants to set us free from Satan and sin. And His path to new life and freedom is also through water — it is a process called *baptism*.

Let's go on another adventure through the pages of God's holy Word and see what we can discover about this important subject.



First, let's say a prayer for God to teach us and help us understand His Word. You might say,
"Dear God, please help me to learn what baptism is all about and how I can be set free from my enemy, the devil. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."

Have you ever played the game "tug-of-war"?

It's when two different teams of people pull on different ends of one rope, each trying to pull the other group over to their side. It's a fun game to play with friends for sure . . . but have you ever felt like a game of tug-of-war was taking place in your mind? On one side, Satan tempts and pulls you to do what is bad and selfish. On the other, the Holy Spirit tells you to do what is right.

Sometimes, you might wish you could just sit on the fence and not choose anything. But "fence sitting" is not a good idea. Have you ever tried to sit on a picket fence or a barbed-wire fence? Ouch! It wouldn't be too comfortable, and you would eventually fall off to one side or the other anyway. And God doesn't want fence sitters. He knows it's not a very good spot to be.

Start with a six-letter word. At each step, remove a letter to create a word that matches the given definition.

Hint: Ephesians 3:17 says, "That Christ may dwell in your _____ (the first word in the activity) by faith."

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FAST FACT
 Henry Brown was born a slave in 1816. After years of suffering, he decided to escape. A friend built him a wooden box three feet long and two feet wide and put "THIS WAY UP" on the side of it. Henry then squeezed inside, and his friend mailed the box from North Carolina to Pennsylvania. The journey lasted more 27 hours. But for several hours, despite the box's label, he was put upside down! Thankfully, he finally made it to freedom — and he dedicated the rest of his life to helping other slaves find freedom too.

ANSWER: HEARTS, HEARTS, HEARTS, HEARTS, HEARTS, HEARTS



Do we have a choice in being saved?

ANSWER: *"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. . . . As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15). "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other" (Matthew 6:24). "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot" (Revelation 3:15).*

God wants you to **C** _____ whom you will serve.



You cannot obey both God and Satan. It's like trying to stand in two different canoes at the same time — you're going to fall! To try to be a halfway Christian is to actually not be a Christian *at all*. You are not really God's unless you are totally His.



What does God want us to choose?

ANSWER: *"I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants [children] may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19).*

By choosing God, you choose life and **B** _____. Satan's way leads to sorrow, sadness, and death . . . but God's way leads to happiness, peace, and heaven.

When you play a game, you want to do your very best for your team, don't you? What would your teammates think if every now and then, you told the other team your secret strategy or helped them score points?! They'd probably tell you to leave. It's the same way with your spiritual life. You need to choose what team you want to be on — God's or Satan's. Switching sides all the time is not a good idea. *(By the way, God's team wins!)*

Have you ever seen a squirrel start running across a road, only to see a car coming and suddenly change its mind? It darts back and forth rapidly in the middle of the road! Some squirrels are hit by cars because they cannot decide which way to go.

Which way do I go?





How do I show that I want to choose God's team and to live my life for Him?

ANSWER: **"Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38).**

What two specific things does the Bible tell us to do if we want to follow Jesus? **R** _____ and be **B** _____. To **repent** means to be sorry for your sins and to turn away from your selfish ways. If you have hurt or done wrong to anyone, you ask their forgiveness and make it right. You will tell them the truth and return or replace things you've taken. Then ask Jesus to forgive your sins and give you strength to live a holy life. You can trust that He will do it. After making this decision, the next step is to be **baptized** as a public statement that you are choosing to be on God's side.



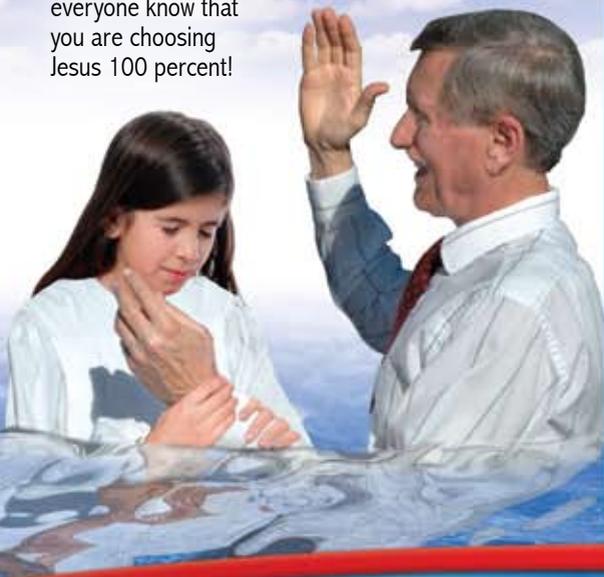
Is it important to be baptized?

ANSWER: **"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16).**

Yes! Jesus made it very clear that God wants us to be baptized. He died so we could live forever (John 3:16), and He says that if we believe and are baptized, we will be **S** _____. Baptism will also show our friends and family we have chosen to follow Jesus.

When you get straight As on your report card or receive a new bicycle, don't you want to tell others the exciting news? When you have asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins and you give your life to Him, you will also want to tell others the good news. The best way to do that is by being baptized.

Baptism is letting everyone know that you are choosing Jesus 100 percent!



Jenny was going to be baptized, and her mother wrote her a special reminder note. Here is part of the note. The blanks are a three-letter word, spelled the same each time, except that the vowel in the middle is different.

"This will be a ___ day for you. Your brother said he would come and dress up in a suit and tie — you might have to ___ him a little about that. Don't let Satan ___ you down with feelings of fear. ___ God to give you a brave heart. Oh! ... and don't forget to put your hairdryer in the ___."



Does it matter how we are baptized?

ANSWER: **"One Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5). "Jesus ... was baptized by John in the Jordan. And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove" (Mark 1:9, 10).**



The Bible says that there is one true **B** _____. Jesus gave us an example of what that is.

The Bible says that John baptized people in a river where there was much water. When Jesus was baptized, He went *down under* the water and *came up out* of the water. John did not just sprinkle a few drops on Jesus' head as some do today. In fact, the very word **baptism** means "to dip under or submerge or immerse."

Jesus is our example in all things, and we should be baptized the same way that He was — by immersion.

That's the way the disciples baptized people. **"Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him" (Acts 8:38).**

FAST FACT

Whales breathe like humans, but some are deep-sea diving champions!

Before diving, the gigantic sperm whale can store enough oxygen to hold its breath for two hours. This allows it to dive more than 1.8 miles beneath the ocean's surface to feed.



After Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove. Then the Father spoke from heaven, saying, **"This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).**

When you follow Jesus' example and get baptized, even though you might not hear a voice from heaven, God is also saying to you, "This is my beloved child, and I am very pleased with you." He adopts you as His special child!

ANSWER: "This will be a big day for you. Your brother said he would come and dress up in a suit and tie—you might have to bug him a little about that. Don't let Satan bug you down with feelings of fear. Bug God to give you a brave heart. Oh! ... and don't forget to put your hairdryer in the bag."

6 What other important symbol does baptism represent?

GRACE



On June 7, 1692, an earthquake and huge tidal wave struck the city of Port Royal, Jamaica. The harbor and many buildings were destroyed — most of the city simply disappeared into the sea. Now, a man named Lewis Galdy was swallowed alive by the earth during the quake. Buried alive, he prayed for God to save him. A few moments later, another earthquake burped him out of the ground and threw him out into the sea — and he went on to live another 47 years!

FAST FACT

ANSWER: *“Why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16).*

Baptism is very important because it represents that our sins have been washed away. When we are baptized and have faith in Jesus, we are cleaned from ALL our sins. God gives us His Holy Spirit to guide us in living a fresh new life for Jesus.

There's going to be a baptism this Sabbath! Here are the names of the baptismal candidates; color in their names on the chart (to the right) and you'll see a special message about God's church.

- Tom Jennings
- Jillian Schmidt
- Tony Aramando
- Denise McClarty
- Braden Talbot
- Sally Bernalt
- Holly Rice
- Arnold VanCross

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ANSWER: 1

7 What else does baptism represent? Why does it matter?

ANSWER: *“We were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ... That our old man ... might be done away with, that we should not longer be slaves of sin” (Romans 6:4, 6).*

Jesus died and was buried, and then He rose the third day. Baptism is a symbol of death to the old life and being raised to a new life.

When the person comes up out of the water, it represents a new birth so we can walk in **N**ew life, having love for others and being obedient to God.

When a person is baptized and goes under the water, it represents an end to sin and selfishness.

8 Do I need to join a church when I am baptized?

ANSWER: *“By one Spirit we were all baptized into one body” (1 Corinthians 12:13). “He is the head of the body, the church” (Colossians 1:18). “The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47).*

God wants us to be baptized and join His true church. He wants us to unite with those who keep his commandments and have the faith of Jesus (Revelation 14:12). A newborn baby needs to be placed in a loving and caring family in order for it to grow and be healthy. A newborn Christian needs to be placed in a caring church family so he or she can grow strong spiritually.





Lisa received a bright new kite for her birthday. She was so excited to fly it! But for several days, there was very little wind. Lisa tried to create her own wind by running as fast as she could through the field, trying to get her kite up in the sky. But as soon as she stopped running, the kite would drift down to the ground. It was very tiring and not much fun.

But then one day, she woke up and a steady breeze was blowing — it was perfect for kites! All morning she had a blast doing tricks and flying her kite all the way out to the end of the string. It was so much more fun flying kites when God supplied the wind.

Like Lisa's kite, you need a new source of power if you are going to live your life for God. You need to have the Holy Spirit empower you to live a holy life. It is too much work doing it on your own.

Baptism is a sign that you have given yourself to God and have asked Him to change your heart. You will then want to do everything to please Him instead of yourself.

“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31).

The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of:

**JESUS
THE LORD
POWER
WISDOM
COUNSEL**

**GOD
TRUTH
LIFE
UNDERSTANDING
KNOWLEDGE**

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FAST FACT

The first step in constructing a bridge over Niagara Falls was made by a 15-year-old boy named Homan Walsh. He flew his kite from one side of the gorge to the other. That string was used to pull a bigger string back, then another cord across again. Soon, the two sides were connected by a sturdy bridge holding up trucks and trains. And it all started with one tiny kite string!



Can you be too bad to be saved? What if you do something bad after you're baptized?

ANSWER: You can never be too bad to be forgiven. The Bible says that if you confess your sins, God is faithful and just to forgive you and to clean you from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). You are never hopeless with Jesus; He wants to clean you and help you live a good life. If you are willing to truly repent, He is always willing to fully forgive!

In Jesus' day, leprosy was a dreaded disease that separated families and friends forever. Nobody wanted to be around someone who had leprosy, except for Jesus. He loved lepers as much as He loved anybody else, and He healed them when they came to Him for help.

Jesus will also heal you spiritually if you come to Him. The Bible says, **“The one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out” (John 6:37).** You can't be too bad for Jesus to save. You just need to come to Him believing that He loves you and wants to save you.

Have you noticed that when babies learn to walk, they fall down all the time? But they also don't stay down — they get up every time! Living the Christian life is sometimes like learning to walk all over again. You might make mistakes and fall down spiritually, but don't get discouraged! Ask Jesus to forgive you — then get back up and keep doing what you know God wants you to do.

FAST FACT

Even though a baby falls, on average, about 300 times before it is able to walk steady, it never gives up.



Jesus knows your heart, and it is His desire to save you. Even though you might make mistakes, Jesus is your friend and He is more than willing to help you resist Satan's temptations.



You just need to keep trusting Him.

Some things that can help you along the way:

1. Look for at least one adult who will encourage and instruct you in God's ways. Your parents are best, but if your parents don't understand your convictions, look for someone at church.
2. Remember that every day you need to read God's Word and give your heart to Him again — for that day — and choose to live for His glory.
3. Always get up again! Don't let Satan discourage you if you make a mistake. Remember, Jesus will help you "learn to walk" and have victory.
4. Talk to Jesus throughout the day. He always hears your prayers.



Did you enjoy this exciting lesson? We surely hope so!
Now take a moment to do the questions on the **SUMMARY SHEET**.

Notes

SUMMARY SHEET

Please read the Bible Guide before answering the questions. Fill in the circles of ALL that are correct for the multiple choice questions. Hint: The number of correct answers for each question is in red.

1. **Jesus wants us to: (1)**

- a) sit on the fence
- b) choose to follow Him with our whole heart
- c) be kind of a Christian and kind of worldly

2. **When I choose Jesus, I will: (2)**

- a) repent and turn away from evil things
- b) keep doing what I always have
- c) do what I want to
- d) choose things that make Him happy

3. **Baptism shows that: (3)**

- a) I am perfect and will never do anything wrong
- b) I have chosen to follow Jesus and want to live a new life
- c) I want to let others know of my choice to follow Jesus
- d) I can never be lost no matter what I do
- e) I want to die to sin and leave evil ways behind

4. **The Bible says baptism is important. (1)**

- a) Yes
- b) No

5. **Jesus was baptized: (1)**

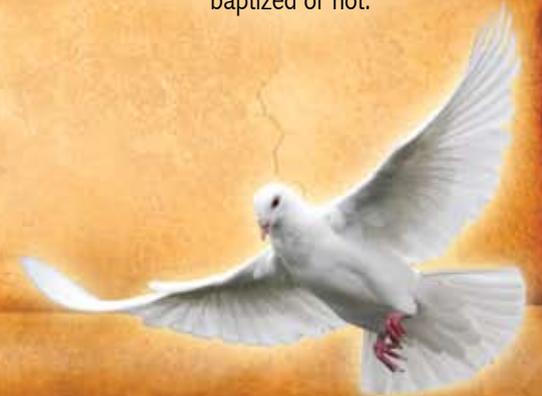
- a) by sprinkling
- b) by pouring
- c) by immersion

6. **Jesus says there: (1)**

- a) are many ways to be baptized that are all fine
- b) is only one true baptism

7. **Mark "T" for True and "F" for False on the statements below.**

- ___ a) Jesus can save anyone who comes to Him.
- ___ b) After I am converted and baptized, I will never sin.
- ___ c) Some people are too bad for Jesus to save.
- ___ d) Jesus will forgive my sin if I confess and will help me to obey.
- ___ e) Whatever I do, I should do for God's glory, not my own.
- ___ f) God doesn't care if we're baptized or not.



- ___ g) The word “baptism” means to immerse or dip under.
- ___ h) When I am baptized, I join God’s “body,” His true church.

YOUR COMMENTS:

8. What new things have you discovered in this lesson?

9. Do you want to turn your back on the world and all its sinful attractions — and choose to live for Jesus and be baptized as soon as you are ready?

- ANSWER:**
1. Jesus wants us to:
 - b) choose to follow Him with our whole heart
 - a) repent and turn away from evil things
 - d) choose things that make Him happy
 2. When I choose Jesus, I will:
 - a) repent and turn away from evil things
 - d) choose things that make Him happy
 3. Baptism shows that:
 - b) I have chosen to follow Jesus and want to live a new life
 - c) I want to let others know of my choice to follow Jesus
 - e) I want to die to sin and leave evil ways behind
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 - a) Yes
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 - F - c) Some people are too bad for Jesus to save.
 - T - d) Jesus will forgive my sin if I confess and will help me to obey whatever I do. I should do for God's glory, not my own.
 - T - e) Whatever I care if we're baptized or not.
 - F - f) God doesn't care if we're baptized or not.
 - T - g) The word "baptism" means to immerse or dip under.
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