

God Shares the Wondrous Life of Grace

Keep these ideas in mind as you study Chapter 20.

- Adam and Eve had the power to choose. They turned away from God's friendship. They chose to disobey and sinned. God shared a part of his life with Adam and Eve. That gift was grace. Because of the first sin, we are born in Original Sin, without grace.
- God's love for us was so great that he sent his own Son to save us from sin and death. Through Jesus' Death on the Cross and his rising, he gives God's life to those who believe in him.
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- Jesus told Nicodemus that we must be baptized with water to enter God's kingdom. We are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

- ♦ When the words and water of Baptism are used, we are given new life in Jesus. In Baptism, God gives us grace, takes away Original Sin, and forgives our sins.
- The Apostles' Creed is a statement of what we believe as Christians. The belief in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting is among those beliefs. That means we will go to heaven. Heaven is more beautiful and joyous than anything we can imagine here on earth. Words cannot describe the joy of an eternity spent with our Creator.

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