



Why did Jesus need to be baptised? Being baptised is a symbol of being made clean, just like that bath we've already talked about. But if Jesus hadn't done anything wrong to make him dirty then why did he need to be cleaned?

Do you remember what he said in the video? He said that he did it to show others what had to be done and that God wants it to happen.

When we do things we shouldn't or we don't follow God in the way that we should, we have sinned, we have made ourselves dirty – this separates us from God. But when we ask him for forgiveness he washes away our dirtiness and makes us clean again – he says, it's ok, you can start again!

It is said that baptism is also a symbol of when Jesus died on the cross and came back to life after three days. We don't spend three days under the water when we get baptised but when we go under the water, it is like we are buried, just like Jesus, and when we come back up out of the water, we have been raised to life. It is because of Jesus' death and coming back to life that we are able to be forgiven by God because Jesus paid the punishment for the stuff we do wrong on the cross. When we get baptised, we are saying no to a life of doing wrong stuff and yes to a life of trying to live like Jesus and being close to God. This means that whenever we get stuff wrong we can say sorry and God forgives us.

We see lots of examples in the Bible of sin being forgiven and people getting stuff wrong, the Bible says a lot about us getting clean again and right with God. Take a look...

Luke 15:11-32

Jonah 1-3:10

Romans 3:21-26

Acts 22:16

1 John 1:9