

**Q. WHAT CAN WE DO TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?**

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**ANS:** The best means to keep a good relationship with God is to have a good prayer life. Prayer keeps us close to God and away from sin. We can choose our mode of prayer or can pray in different ways. The best thing is to have a continuous conversation with God, in anything you do, like you could talk to him as if he is with you. We can also take time to be with God personally and share our heart out. We should read the Scriptures, go for Confession and receive Holy Communion frequently to strengthen our relationship with God.



**Q. OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WAS BAPTISED WHEN HE WAS A GROWN MAN AND WAS ABLE TO UNDERSTAND IT, BUT WHY ARE WE BEING BAPTISED SO YOUNG?**

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**ANS:** The baptism of Jesus Christ (only of water) was an anointing in the Holy Spirit as a preparation for his public ministry. This was a response to the preaching of John the Baptist. But let us not forget that Jesus was circumcised when he was an infant and thus became a Jew. In the Catholic Church, we are baptised in Spirit which removes the stain of original sin (Romans 5:12) from our souls as early as possible. Thus, an infant is made holy, anointed with the Holy Spirit and becomes part of the Church (CCC 1250). In fact Jesus calls infants to himself and says the Kingdom of God belongs to them in Luke 18:15-17. Later, during the sacrament of Confirmation one affirms with reason and understanding one's own faith ◦

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