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## 5 God Is Offended

Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent beguiled me, and I ate.”

Genesis 3:13

God created the **angels**. Angels do not have bodies like us. They are spirits. Angels are much smarter and stronger than we are. We often draw angels to look like people. We draw them with wings because angels can go anywhere as quickly as they wish to.

God made the angels to be happy with Him in Heaven and to be His helpers. But first He tested them to see if they loved Him. Some of the angels did not love God. They did not obey Him. They became **devils**. They were sent to Hell.

The good angels went to Heaven to praise God and to do His work on earth.

God also wanted to see if Adam and Eve loved Him. He gave them a test, too. He told Adam and

Eve not to eat the fruit from one of the trees in the garden. It was called the tree of knowledge of good and evil. They could have all they wanted from the other trees. God also said that if they ate from that one tree, they would die.

At first, Adam and Eve **obeyed** God. Then, one day Eve was alone in the garden. She met a snake. She did not know it, but it was really the devil.

“Eve,” said the snake, “why don’t you and Adam eat the fruit from this one tree?”

“God said not to,” said Eve. “He said we would die if we ate of its fruit, or even touched it.”

“That is not true,” said the snake. “If you eat this fruit you will be like God. You will know good and evil.”

Eve should have known better than to think that God would lie to her. But she listened to the devil and ate the fruit. Then she told Adam, and he ate it too.

Because they disobeyed God, Adam and Eve had to leave the Garden of Eden. They had to work hard to get food to eat. The animals were now afraid of them.

Adam and Eve **offended** God. They sinned. Their **sin** took away the special gift of grace that God gave them. Without God’s life in their souls, Adam and Eve could not please God. They could not go to Heaven.

We call this first sin of Adam and Eve **Original Sin**.

God still loved Adam and Eve even though they had sinned. So He promised to send someone who would save them and make it possible for them to go to Heaven someday.

**Words to Know:**

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offend   sin   Original Sin

**Q. 12** *What are angels?*

Angels are created spirits without bodies. They are servants and messengers for God (CCC 328, 329).

**Q. 13** *What is sin?*

Sin is disobedience to God's Law (CCC 1849-50).

## 6 Becoming a Child of God

“Jesus answered, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.’”

John 3:5


When Adam and Eve sinned, they lost the gift of God’s life in their souls, called grace. They could not get to Heaven. Their children were born with Original Sin, too. They had no grace in their souls.

We call Adam and Eve our first parents because all people came from them. So do you. We were all born with Original Sin on our souls.

At **Baptism**, Original Sin was washed away, and your soul was filled with God’s life of grace. Now you are able to go to Heaven and be with God.

Baptism is like being born again. The first time we were born into the family of our mothers and fathers. At Baptism we are born into God’s family, the Church. Then the Blessed Trinity comes to live in us.





We should try to keep our souls free from sin and filled with grace, like they were on the day of our Baptism. We should ask God to help us so we don't offend Him. If we keep God's life in our souls we will one day live with Him in Heaven.

What are some things we can do to keep our souls holy and pleasing to God?

First, we should pray. Thank God each day for making you His child. Talk to Him about the things that are on your mind. He is your friend.

Second, try to do the things God wants you to do. God wants you to love everyone. He wants you to obey your mother and father, even when you don't like what they tell you. God wants you to tell the truth.

Does that sound hard? Ask God and your guardian angel to help you to be good. Remember this: as long as you do no wrong, God wants you to have fun and enjoy the things He made for you!

***“I baptize you in the Name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”***

*Words of Baptism*

## Word to Know:

### Baptism

**Q. 16** *What is Baptism?*

Baptism is the Sacrament that makes us Christians and adopted children of God (CCC 1262–65).

**Q. 17** *What did Baptism do for you?*

Baptism washed away Original Sin from my soul and made it rich in the grace of God (CCC 1262-65).

Many Catholic children are given a saint's name. It may be your first name, or it may be your middle name. A saint is someone who lives with God in Heaven. A saint is someone who loved God very much while on earth.

Ask your parents or teacher about the saint whose name you have. Maybe they know a story about him or her. Ask your saint to help *you* to be a saint someday, too!