

Signs that Make You Wonder

God has employed parables, rituals, and symbols to communicate heavenly concepts to His earth-bound people since the beginning of time. These time-tested symbols (crucifix, communion, baptism) continue to invite the curious and strengthen the faithful.

- **Matthew 13:34** (Jesus spoke ... in parables)
- **Hebrews 8:5** (copy and a shadow)

Big Idea: ... God does speak— first one way, then another... (Job 33:14)

Communion: God's _____ Story

- **Lord's Passover** (Ex 12:1-14)
- **Lord's Communion** (Four Gospels)
- **1 Corinthians 11:14-33**

Imagery

- Broken _____ = Christ's crucified Body
- _____ (juice) = Christ's atoning blood

Understanding

- _____ Grace
- _____ a means of Salvation
- Meant to be taken often by **BELIEVERS**, with *sincere and faith filled heart*.
- Meant to be taken in private, in public, in homes, as worship *with other believers*.

Baptism: God's Resurrection Story

- Baptize (βαπτίζω) baptizō: to wash, cleanse, dip, submerge.
- Baptism of repentance is unique to Christian conversion.



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What's the Big D.E.A.L.

Personal _____ of the Gospel of Jesus.

- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
- Colossians 2:12
- Timing over Form

Biblical _____ of all Believers

- Matthew 28:19
- Acts 2:41

An _____ of one's commitment to Jesus

- Galatians 3:27

A Powerful Sign of _____ in the life of a Christian.

- Romans 6:3-4

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Discuss and Apply

Use the following questions to help you formulate age-appropriate questions to stimulate conversation that matter. Please share your ideas and experiences with us at connect@manna.church.

1. Discuss your earliest and most meaningful memories in receiving communion?
2. Discuss the concept that Communion “communicates” grace but is not a means of salvation.
3. Discuss the importance of sharing communion at home with your family and with believing friends in your small group.
4. Have you publicly demonstrated your faith through water baptism? If so, talk about your experience, share your memories. What was the journey like? If your answer is NO, what do you feel is hindering your decision?
5. Why not create a memory in your journal or social media timeline – share your faith journey with others. Contrary to being weird or pushy, your unique story may speak to others in a way that communicates hope and grace to explore their own faith journey.

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for receiving me as your child. Today, I confess I want to follow you and serve you for the rest of my life. I ask that you help me hear your voice through your Word and Spirit. Help me to recognize your instruction, correction and to receive your affection.

Thank you for the picture of Redemption as seen in communion and the Resurrection life as seen in water baptism. Lord I choose to follow you in my daily faith journey.

In Jesus' precious name I pray. Amen.

At Manna We Believe

Communion is to be taken frequently and offered to all believers except those who are living in unrepentant rebellion or immorality. The communion elements are symbols of Christ's body and blood and are useful to the exercise of faith in the person of Jesus Christ as the only means of absolving guilt, shame, and punishment of sin.