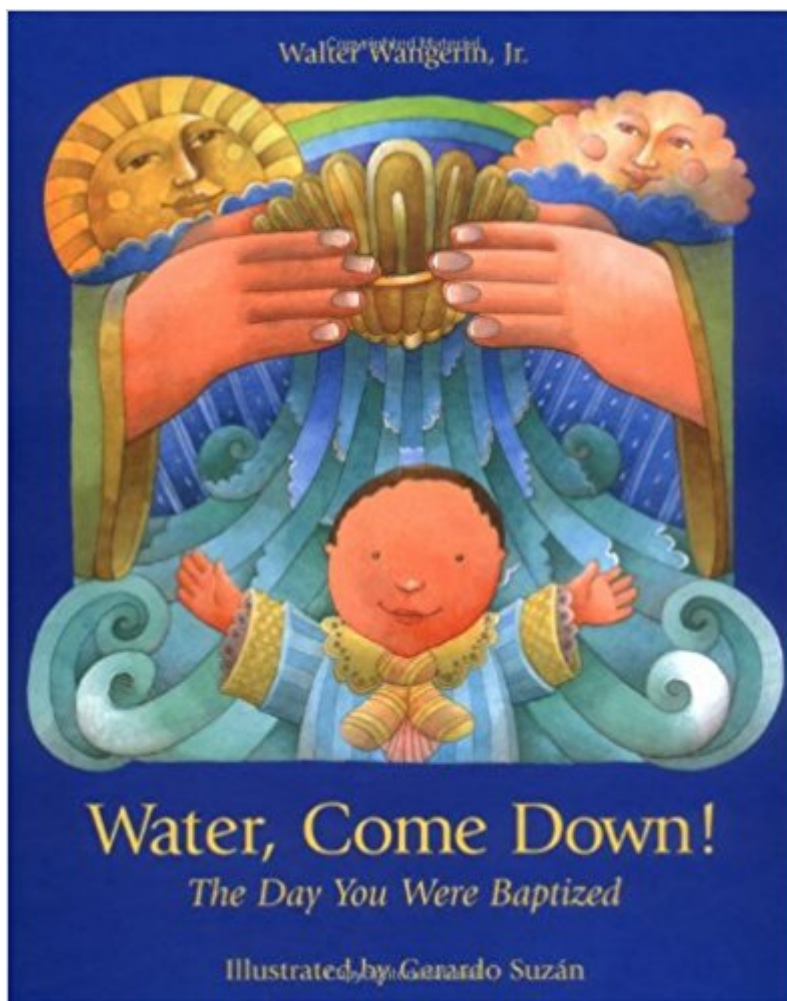


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# Water Come Down (Day You Were Baptized)



## Synopsis

Beautifully written by award-winning author Walter Wangerin Jr., this lyrical story introduces kids to the beauty, joy, and meaning of baptism. The perfect gift to make a child feel special; like part of the most wonderful family in the world. With a dedication page to commemorate a special occasion and a parent section to help impart their families' unique perspective on the meaning of joining God's family, *Water Come Down* is a wonderful introduction to the significance of baptism, its roots in the biblical story and its meaning for life today.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Tackling complex theological issues, this illuminating book for the most part succeeds in introducing children to the concepts surrounding baptism. As Wangerin (*Probita Jones and the Fear Not Angel*) explains, his approach is structured on a passage from Romans 8: "The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God." Here, benevolently personified, the sun, a cloud, rain, wind, seed and water take turns describing their contributions to a child's baptism as they welcome the child into creation. Their words exemplify concepts of resurrection and growth, although Wangerin includes one somewhat discordant reference to the cleansing aspects of baptism: "I am the water they washed you in/... Clean from the devil! Clean from sin." Odd grammar ("I am the water went under the ground") and occasional cutesiness mar what is otherwise graceful,

stirring verse: "I rode the wind to the edge of the skies/ And cried to the sun, 'Sun, shine on me/ For the child below, so the child can see/ A flaming raining-bow!" Suz n (Butterfly Boy), in his friendly, candy-colored illustrations, joins Wangerin in stressing baptism as a dramatic entrance into the community of faith. It's a lot to take in, but Wangerin provides several pages of excellent resources for family Bible study, exploring the scriptural sources behind his story and making the theological concepts both accessible and engaging. All ages. (Sept.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"A lilted, bright reminder of the gifts of baptism." -- - --H. George Anderson Presiding Bishop Evangelical Lutheran Church in America "A masterful synthesis of doctrine shared by Christians in all churches. Relates biblical teaching to the primal elements of creation in a way parents can teach and children can understand. My own faith was renewed as I read it. Every child of God should have it." (---The Rev. Canon J. Robert Wright) General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church --f creation "Belongs in the Faith Chest of every child. It should be worn out by parents, grandparents, and godparents as they tend the child's baptismal journey." -- - --Dr. Dick Hardel, Executive Director Youth and Family Institute of Augsburg College

Beautiful book! Most importantly, the theology is spot on! God chooses YOU in Baptism---not the other way around. I'm a Lutheran pastor and will be purchasing this book for all of the babies I baptize. The pictures and bright pages are stunning! What a wonderful gift from a grandparent, godparent or family member.

I loved the way the book built up to water being used for baptism. The colors were wonderful. It was a good display of how God is in the world and our lives. A bit too long for small kids. Not sure why it was written for the age it is good for. It would be nice if parents took the time to use this book with their kids, but more likely to be used at church and I don't feel it was set up that way. All that said, It's a good book!

I present this book to every family who bring their child to be baptized in my congregation. It is a beautiful message that encourages families to remember and celebrate their baptisms. It is also beautifully illustrated.

Walter Wangerin's "Water Come Down" is a wonderful explanation of the gift of baptism. The text is

accessible to little ones and is enhanced by beautiful illustrations. It is my favorite baptismal gift.

A beautifully illustrated book by a well loved author. I bought it for my grandson's baptism and I can't wait to read it to him when he is older.

It was a bit more worn and written in that I thought. It was a gift so I should have gone for a new one.

I have bought it before, it is a wonderful book. I am giving it as a Baptism gift and I know the family will enjoy it.

This is a great gift for baptism!!! The artwork is phenomenal!!!

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