



For the Home



Covenant and the Water of Baptism Genesis 1, Genesis 6-9, Exodus 14, John 20

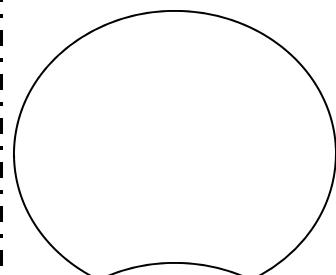
In class today...we heard three water stories that took us from the beginning of the world that was perfect, through the flood that was sent to destroy sin, and through the waters of God's salvation and deliverance. The stories of Creation, The Flood, and The Exodus are powerful images of God's love and redemption.

Talk with your child about....

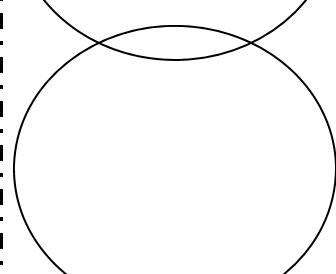
....the many ways that we are reminded of God's love and care for us today. Talk together about the many things that God created and how you live in harmony with the world around you. Tell your child how he or she is a child of God—created, forgiven, and loved by God for all time.

Today we began our Baptism book with three symbols that remind us of God's amazing love for us.

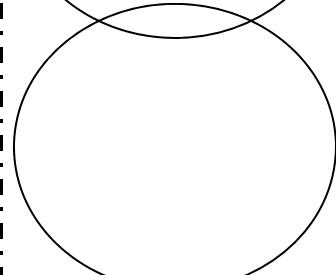
Talk with your child about each of these symbols and invite your child to draw each symbol in the circle provided.



A **SHELL** is a baptism symbol that reminds us of God's wonderful water.
Genesis 1



A **RAINBOW** is a symbol that reminds us of God's covenant with Noah.
Genesis 6-9



A **HEART** reminds us of God's love and grace.
Exodus 14:21-22,30

Something to Remember

"God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good." Genesis 1:31

Catechism Question

Question 41. What is a sacrament?

A sacrament is a special act of Christian worship which uses visible signs to present God's grace for us in Jesus Christ. We believe that two sacraments were given by Jesus: baptism and the Lord's Supper.

-*Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Main Idea

In Baptism, the Holy Spirit binds the Church in covenant to its Creator and Lord. The water of Baptism symbolizes the waters of Creation, of the Flood, and of the Exodus from Egypt. Thus, the water of Baptism links us to the goodness of God's creation and to the grace of God's covenants with Noah and Israel... So, Baptism is the sign and seal of God's grace and covenant in Christ. *Book of Order W-2.3003 (PCUSA)*

Name the ways your family uses water this week and offer a prayer of thanks to God each time you touch water.

Become "water stewards" this week by looking for ways to conserve water and care for God's earth.

