The shell became the symbol of Baptism because people in the early church probably used a shell to dip the water for baptism.

Water is a symbol of cleansings and of new life because we bathe in it and drink it. It is essential for life.

Jesus is known as the Light of the World. A candle is given to the person who has been baptized to symbolize entry into the family of God, going from darkness into light.

The dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. It reminds us of God’s presence.

Baptism is the sacrament that welcomes us into the body of Christ, the church.
During Baptism, the whole church family also promises to share the Good News and help you learn and grow. You are loved!

The minister says when baptizing a person: “I baptize you in the name of the father, son, and Holy Spirit.”

Being a part of God’s family means we are called to care for others. Jesus commanded his followers to go and make disciples and baptize them and teach them. (Matthew 28:19)

Parents promise to put their trust in Christ and to teach their child about God’s love. As a baptized member of the church family, you are joined with Christians everywhere.

Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. Read it in the Bible – Matthew 3:13-17

The kids at First Church make shell candles to give to the people who are baptized at our church.
Jesus is Baptized Matching Game:

1. Print 2 sets of pages 1 and 2. Cut the cards apart.
2. Shuffle the cards and lay them on the table, face down, in a pattern of 4 cards x 4 cards.
3. On each turn, a player turns over two cards (one at a time) and keeps them if they match pictures. If they successfully match a pair, that player also gets to take another turn.
4. When a player turns over two cards that do not match numbers, those cards are turned face down again and it becomes the next player’s turn.
5. Play continues until all the matches are turned over.