

Hello!

This week we have a very special service. Our friends Kelsey and Marley will be welcomed to the family of God through Baptism.

There are some special symbols that are part of a Baptism.

There is a bowl on a stand.

It has water in it.

This is called a **font**.

**Water** is sprinkled onto the head of the person being baptised.

This is a symbol that shows that in baptism we are made clean inside and outside.



Sometimes a **shell** is used to scoop up the water for sprinkling.



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When Jesus was baptised a dove came down from sky.

The **dove** is a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes you will see the symbol of a dove at a Baptism.



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You will also see a cross to remind us that Jesus died on a cross but that he rose again at Easter.

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A candle is given to a baptised person to remind them that

Jesus is the light of the world.



You will find the story of Jesus's Baptism in the Bible.

Matthew 3: 13 -17

### **Activity:**

Today we are going to make a card for Kelsey and a card for Marley to welcome them into God's family.

What you will need:

- two card templates printed on light card back to back
- coloured pencils/ felt tip pens
- a writing pencil

What to do:

- Look carefully for symbols of baptism around in the church and on the tables.

- Decorate your card by drawing symbols of baptism on the front and inside of the card. Colour your drawings.
- Inside one card write

**To Kelsey**

**Love from .....**

- Inside the other card write

**To Marley**

**Love from .....**

- Give your cards to the girls

\* If you would prefer you can colour the symbols on the other page, cut them out and glue them onto the cards.

Don't forget to give the girls your kindest smile when you give them their card!

\* if you are at home you might like to go around your house looking for all the different ways that you use water. You could draw a picture about all the ways you use water. How many different ways do you use it for cleaning? Remember how we water is used in baptism.