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WEEKLY UPDATE

For Children, Youth and Families at
Christ United Methodist Church

The Baptism of Jesus

We read about the Baptism of Jesus in Matthew, Mark and Luke. John focuses the story on John and John's role in the baptism. When Jesus is baptized, he is

- named as God's Son
- observed by the crowd as someone special
- beginning his public ministry --at age 30!



Questions for this week:

Does your family have special baptism traditions?

Why are babies and adults baptized? (hint- the answer is on the other side)

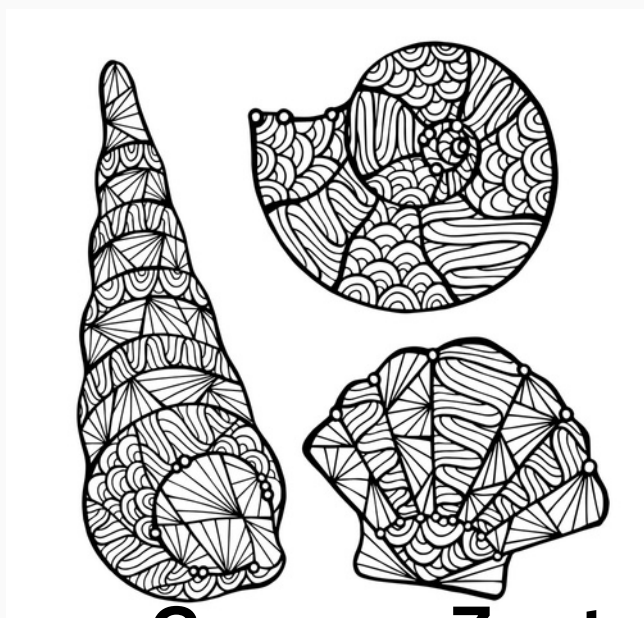
Jesus comes from "Joshua" which means "he saves." What other names for Jesus can you remember?

What is the meaning of your name? Why was it chosen for you?

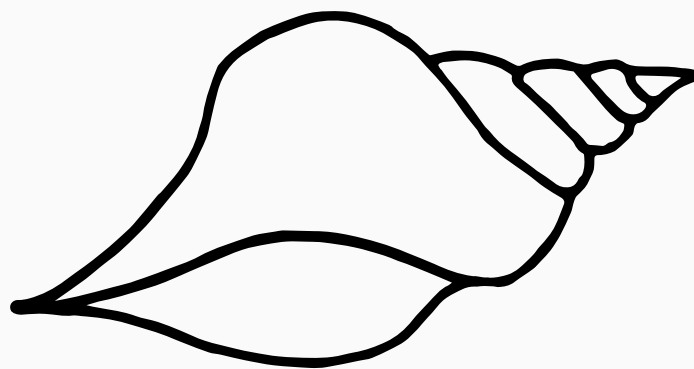
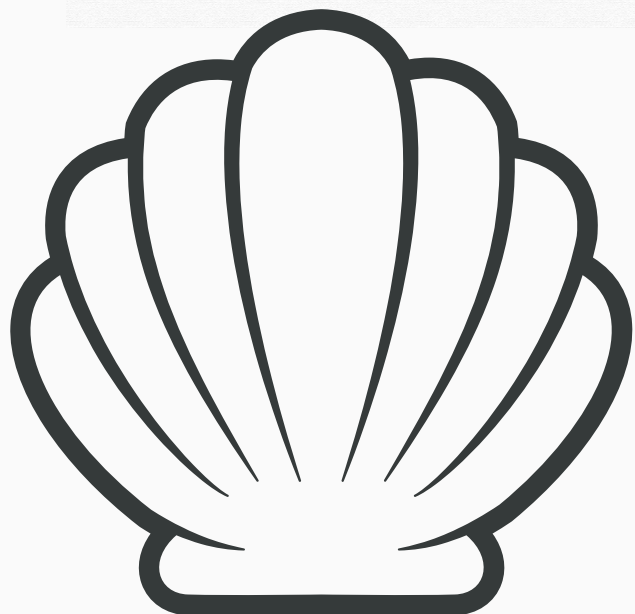


Shells and Baptism

Shells have been symbols for baptism for over 800 years! Some people say John the Baptist used a scallop shell to pour water over Jesus. In our church we have a shell that has held the baptism water for many years.



Can you Zentangle these shells?



"One and Done"

In the United Methodist Church, we practice both infant and adult baptism. Adults are only baptized if they were NOT baptized as an infant. In some traditions, adult baptism serves as a way to profess (or claim) your faith. We have many ways this happens, including confirmation, becoming a member of a church or "reaffirmation" of baptism.