Sacramental Symbols in Scripture

Read each of the following Scripture passages. After reading each passage, use the following set of questions to spark a discussion about the story. You are not limited to a discussion of these questions.

Genesis 6:5–8; 7:1–12 (Great Flood)

Exodus 17:1–7 (Water from the Rock)

John 4:4–26 (Woman at the Well)

• Does the story contain a symbolic object or action? If so, how does it impact the story?

• To which Sacrament does the story relate best? Why?

• Have you, or has someone close to you, ever experienced a “life or death” experience that can help you to relate to these stories?

• If so, what symbol would you choose to describe this experience?