

THE TRANSFIGURATION

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: MARK 9:2-13



The STORY

Read about the transfiguration in Mark 9:2-13.

Please note: The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What happened in this story? (Jesus took Peter, James and John up to a mountain and showed them His glory.)
- Where did the brightness come from? (The brightness came from Jesus Himself. He is all-powerful and glorious but He gave up His glory to become a man like us.)
- Who spoke from out of the cloud? (God the Father spoke out of the cloud.)

CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: a radiant Jesus with Elijah and Moses talking with him on the mountain top. Engage the children by asking:

- What happened to Jesus? (Jesus showed His glory to the disciples. He became radiant white.)
- Who did the disciples see with Jesus? (Moses and Elijah.)
- Where did Moses and Elijah come from? (Moses and Elijah were long since dead. They must have come from heaven.)

THE TRANSFIGURATION CROSS

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SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- What did God the Father tell Peter, James, and John they should do? (The voice of God from out of the cloud told the disciples they should "Listen to Him." That is, they should obey Jesus.)
- What are some ways we can listen to Jesus today? (Young children can follow their parents' instructions.)
- Where do parents find out how to lead their children? (Christian parents are supposed to lead from the Bible which is God's Word.)

WHERE IS the Gospel?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

Here in a moment three, of the disciples had the opportunity to glimpse the holiness, glory, and power of Jesus as God. They knew Jesus the ordinary man. But they didn't yet know Jesus, the Son, in glory. If Jesus was not both fully God and fully man, He could not have taken our punishment on the cross and then risen from the dead. And, in the mind of Jesus He was resolute. Jesus would take that penalty. He would die, and praise the Lord, He would also rise from the dead.

After the transfiguration Jesus gave His disciples strict orders not to tell anyone about what they had seen until Jesus had risen from the dead. They could not understand all that had been revealed to them at that time. They didn't understand what Jesus meant by being raised from the dead or even what His transfiguration revealed. Later they would come to more fully understand that in Jesus, God the Son had come down to earth to take on human flesh that He might die for the sins of man.

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

