

The Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28-36

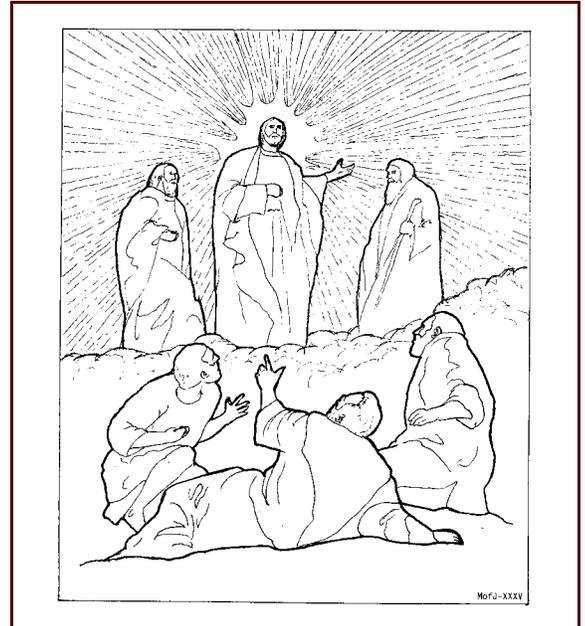
Why do you think the people are bowing down in the picture?

When might people kneel at church?

Prayer

Dear Father in heaven,

We thank You that You sent Jesus to be our heavenly Savior. We know that You are pleased in Him because He saved us from our sins. Help us to remember that Jesus is Your Son. Help us also to be Your children and to do the things that please You. Amen



The Story - Matthew 17:1-9

Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;² and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

³And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

⁴Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be

here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁵While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

⁶And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were



greatly afraid. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."

⁸When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

Outer Aim

Jesus shows the disciples He is the true God.

Recalling Details

1. How many disciples went with Jesus to the mountain?
2. What did Jesus start to do when they got to the mountain?
3. Who were the two men with Jesus?
4. What did Peter want to do?
5. Who spoke from the cloud?
6. What did Jesus ask the disciples not to do?

Discussion Questions

1. How was Jesus different from other men?
2. How was Jesus the same as other men?
3. Was Jesus trying to show He was God or man?
4. What things did Jesus know would soon be happening to Him?
5. Why do you think Jesus told the disciples they shouldn't tell others about the transfiguration?

Inner Aim

Jesus shows us He is our God and our Savior.

Passages

John 1:14 - And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 10:17-18 - Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.
No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself.
I have power to lay it down, and
I have power to take it again.

Hymn - TLH 135 v. 1, 2, 3, 5

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.

Fulfiller of the past,
Promise of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified
And our redemption see.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here.
Yet we may not remain;
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,
Come with us to the plain.

Underline names from the lesson.

What are we asking Jesus to do for us in the last stanza where it says, "Come with us to the plain"?

Your Turn - Use ideas from the story, passages and hymn to help you complete the following questions.

How do we show Jesus we love Him?

Why did Jesus lay down His life?

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

We don't know what You look like in all Your glory. We sinners have failed to be holy. But we also know Your great love for us. You became a human being and gave Your holy life as payment for our sins. We see how You prepared and strengthened Your disciples to face the difficult months ahead. Strengthen our faith. Keep the image of Your Love and the heavenly goal You have won for us before our eyes. We will see Your glory and worship You for all eternity. We pray trusting in Your name. Amen.