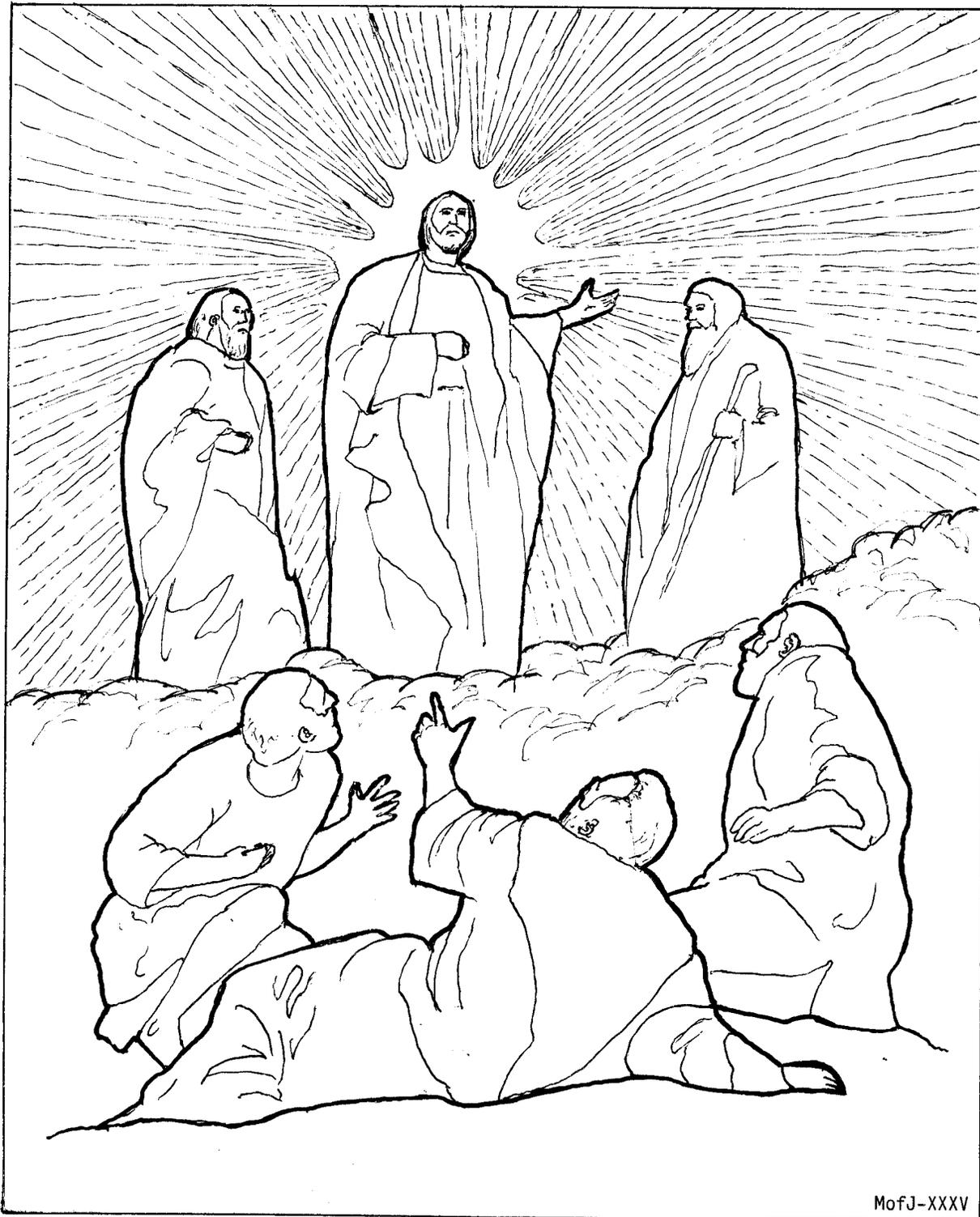


The Transfiguration

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



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The Story

Jesus is God. Some people wanted Him to make this earth better. People could not understand when Jesus spoke about heaven. Jesus showed that he was God.

One day, Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him. They went up a high mountain to pray. Jesus started to pray. He started to shine. He was transfigured. His clothes became white like snow.

Elijah and Moses suddenly were by Jesus. They talked about when Jesus would die and rise.

Peter said to Jesus, "Teacher, can we make three tents for Moses, Elijah, and you?"

Suddenly, a cloud came and covered the disciples and Jesus. God said, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"

Peter, James, and John were afraid. They covered their faces. Jesus touched them and said, "Do not be afraid."

The cloud, Elijah, and Moses were all gone. Jesus told His disciples to not tell what they had seen. They kept the secret until Jesus went back to heaven.

Review - Use the picture on page 1 to complete this review.

1. Color Jesus so that He is shining.
2. Why was He so white?
3. Color the disciples who were afraid.
4. Why were they afraid?
5. Color Moses and Elijah.
6. How were they different from the disciples?
7. Color the cloud.
8. Who spoke from the cloud?
9. Circle the person in the picture that is God?

Activity - Have students act out the story.

Characters:

- Jesus
- God's voice
- Moses
- Elijah
- Disciples (Peter, James, and John)
- Props: Flickering lights

Jesus: Let us pray

(Lights go on)
(Moses and Elijah stand by Jesus)

Moses: Jesus, You must soon die.

Elijah: Yes, You die in Jerusalem

Jesus: I must do this for My people.

James: I am afraid.

John: So am I.

(Disciples fall asleep)
(Moses and Elijah walk away)

Peter: Let us make tents for you three.

God: This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased, listen to Him.

Jesus: Don't be afraid.

(All walk off.)

Jesus: Don't tell anyone what you have seen.

Disciples: We won't.

Passage

John 15:13 - Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

Who laid down his life?

Why did he lay down his life?

Talking to Jesus

Dear heavenly Father,

Thank You, God, for showing us that Jesus is Your Son. Thank You for sending Him to save us from our sins. Thank You, Jesus, for dying for us. Help us to always show that we love You for what You have done. Amen.