

# The Transfiguration

## Theme

Jesus' face shows the glory of God.

## Object

Ziploc bag, 1/3 cup baby oil, glow-in-the-dark craft paint, and a blacklight or flashlight

## Scripture

Matthew 17:1-9

## Children's Sermon: The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9)

(Mix a quarter cup warm water with 1 teaspoon of glow in the dark paint. Mix until the paint is fully incorporated. Fill the Ziploc bag one-third full of baby oil. Seal the bag tightly.)

In today's Bible lesson, something happened that is called "transfiguration." Transfiguration means a complete change of appearance to be more beautiful. We're going to use this bag to help us learn about transfiguration. (Show kids the bag of oil.)

The Bible tells us that one day Jesus took three of His disciples, Peter, James, and John, and went up on a mountain to pray.

## God's Great Love

As Jesus prayed, His face was changed and His clothes became a dazzling white. (Open the bag and pour the paint into it. Seal the bag tightly again.)

Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and began talking to Jesus. Peter and the others had fallen asleep and when they woke up, they saw Jesus



4-week Bible experience about how  
BIG God's love is for us

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and the other two talking. (Mix the paint and oil.)  
They were amazed at that wonderful sight!

(Turn off the lights. And turn on the blacklight  
flashlight to show the paint in the bag.) What an  
experience! Do you know what caused the face  
of Jesus to be changed and His clothes to  
become dazzling white? It was because they  
were in the presence of God!

(Turn the lights on and the flashlight off.) The  
Apostle Paul said in a letter he wrote to the  
church at Corinth, "For God, who said, 'Let there  
be light in the darkness,' has made this light  
shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of

God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ."

You and I have many wonderful experiences in our daily walk with Jesus. Others can see that we have the love of Jesus in our heart by seeing his reflection shining bright in us!

Dear God, we thank You for the joy we experience in Jesus Christ. Help us reflect that joy in our bright, shining faces. In Jesus' name, amen.

Interactive Group Activities  
by Carol Williams & Charles Kirkpatrick

**Sermon Title:** "Bright Shining Faces" or "The Transfiguration"

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 9:28-38 or Matthew 17:1-9

**FLASHLIGHT FRENZY:** Let the children scatter and hide under or behind obstacles. ONE child or leader with a flashlight will try to play TAG with the flashlight. When the flashlight shines on a hiding child, tell that child to jump up and SMILE with a bright shining face. Continue as time allows. Tell children to listen carefully to today's lesson about a bright shining face. Have answers to questions about today's story written on sheets of paper around the classroom. The children will shine the flashlight on the correct answer when the teacher has a question/answer time at the end of class.

**RUN TO AND FRO:** The teacher will have words written in very large letters around a designated area of the class room. All of these words will be from today's lesson such as transfiguration, shining, light, darkness, and hearts, etc. When the teacher calls out a word, the children will all run as quickly as possible to the word that the teacher called out. The last one to reach the word will be out of the game. Continue to play until only one child is left then tell the children to listen carefully for those words in today's Bible lesson. Encourage the children to raise their hands when they hear one of the game words in the lesson!

**TENT TIME:** If facility and supplies are available, have the children build a teepee type of tent. Have the children make up a simple skit of today's lesson pretending to camp on the Mountain where Jesus was transfigured. The ONE who is Jesus in the skit could just wear all white (robe and head piece, etc). They could set up three tents for the "shelters" in our story as they retell the story in a simple skit.

**COTTON CLOUD:** Provide the children with supplies to make a large cloud shape and add wisps of cotton on that cloud with glue. Write today's Bible verse on the cloud and hang it from the ceiling.

**SUNSHINE PLATE:** Give each child a paper plate and markers to color yellow and to glue yellow thin strips of paper all around the edge of the plate to represent the sun's rays. Encourage the children to draw happy faces on their sunshine plates and hole punch the top of the sunshine plate and add yarn or string so this sunshine craft can be hung on a wall to remind children of today's lesson.

**CHALK TALK:** Let the children take turns using colored chalk to draw parts of the story as the teacher tells the Bible lesson today. Each child can draw one part such as a mountain, one of the disciples, Moses, Elijah, or the cloud.

**BRIGHT SHINING FACES:** Provide construction paper, markers and many various smiling and happy faces for the children. Have the children write today's Bible verse in the middle of the paper and then decorate with happy face stickers all around the border of the paper.

**SHINING BANNERS:** Give the children long, wide strips of paper (from a roll of paper, for example) to color and decorate with special phrases from today's lesson and then worn over their shoulders for others to see. (Examples: GLORY TO GOD; JOY TO OTHERS, BRIGHT SHINING FACES; TRANSFIGURATION)

**SING A SONG:** CLIMB UP SUNSHINE MOUNTAIN; EVERY DAY WITH JESUS

**SHARE A SNACK:** Before class, the teacher can fill small cone shapes with small candies and cover them with plastic wrap (Saran wrap). Turn the cones upside down so each snack looks like a mountain. And have a question on each cone from today's lesson. As the children come to the teacher to received their MOUNTAIN SNACK, they can choose a cone and read the question and try to answer it before returning to their seat to enjoy their snack.

**Song: "Climb Up Sunshine Mountain"**

**Music:** Words and music PDF

**MP3:** Piano Accompaniment

**Song: "Every Day with Jesus"**

**Music:** Words and music in PDF

**MP3:** Piano Accompaniment

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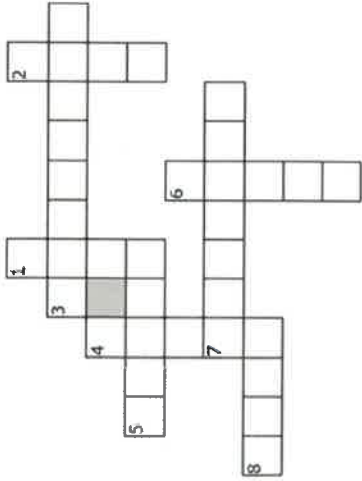
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The Transfiguration (Mark 9:2)

# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

- A raised part of the earth's surface, larger than a hill
- A white or gray mass of very small drops of water that floats in the sky
- Articles of apparel such as pants, shirts, dresses, etc.
- To have a strong feeling of affection for someone

## DOWN

- Something that is pleasing, enjoyable, or of high quality
- Having a great distance from top to bottom
- The sound produced by the vocal organs; what we use to speak
- The color of snow or milk

HIGH VOICE	CLOUD GOOD	WHITE LOVE	MOUNTAIN CLOTHES
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# Children's Worship Bulletin

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Matthew 17:1-9

## Word Search Puzzle

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 X P O J A F X B D Y Y C M R D  
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SIX LOVE JAMES	PETER MOSES DAYS	CLOTHES GOOD APPEARED	VOICE WHITE MOUNTAIN	JOHN ELIJAH HIGH
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# Coloring Page



"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.  
Listen to him!"  
Matthew 17:5b (NIV)

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# Maze Puzzle

Can you find the way to Jesus, Moses, and Elijah on the mountain?

