

*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*



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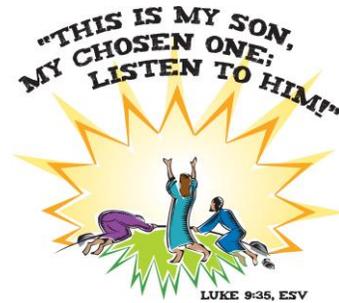
Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]



Bright, Shining Faces. Object: The children's song: "Good Morning to You"

This morning I was thinking about a song that we used to sing to start the day at school. The song was called, "Good Morning to You" and it goes like this: (Sing it if you can.)

Good morning to you, Good morning to you.

We're all in our places with bright, shining faces.

Good morning to you, Good morning to you.

That song serves as a good reminder of what happened in our Bible lesson for today. 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. As Jesus was praying, his face was changed and his clothes became a dazzling white. Suddenly, two men appeared and began talking to him. Do you know who the two men were? It Moses and Elijah.

Peter and the others had fallen asleep and when they woke up, they saw Jesus and the other two talking. They were amazed at that wonderful sight! As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter said to Jesus. "Master, it is wonderful for us to be here! Let's build three shelters — one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

At the very moment Peter said that, a cloud appeared and cast a shadow over them and a voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my Son, listen to him." When the voice had spoken, Moses and Elijah were gone and the disciples were once again alone with Jesus on the mountain.

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!

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

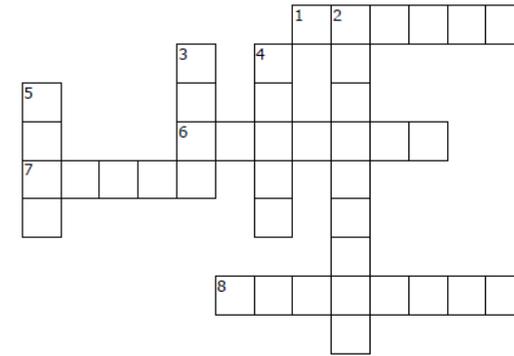
Heavenly Father, we thank you for the joy we experience in Jesus Christ. Help us reflect that joy in our bright, shining faces. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!

Alleluia (Luke 9:35)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Ready to go to bed or take a nap
- Things such as a dress or trousers that you wear to cover your body
- The opposite of being asleep
- A raised part of the Earth's surface, much larger than a hill

DOWN

- A flash of bright light in the sky produced by electricity
- The front of the head, where the eyes, nose and mouth are
- A grey or white mass floating in the sky, made of very small drops of water
- To speak to God

MOUNTAIN
PRAY

FACE
CLOTHES

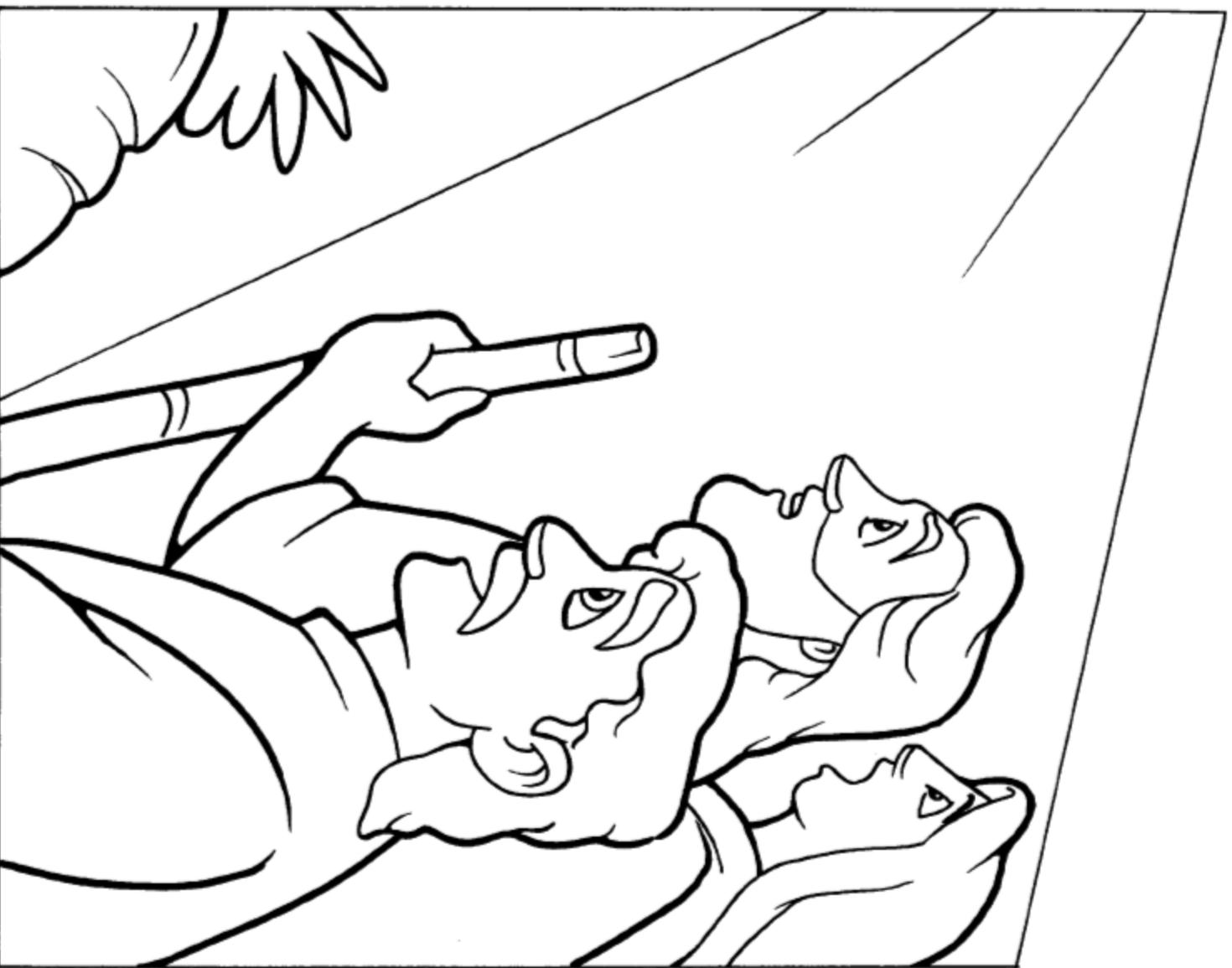
LIGHTNING
SLEEPY

AWAKE
CLOUD

COTTON CLOUD: Provide each child 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.

THE TRANSFIGURATION



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