

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

February 26, 2017

Transfiguration of our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9



Jesus is God's Son, God Said It.

When Jesus was on the earth, there were a lot of different ideas about who he was. Many people thought that he was just a good teacher. Some people thought that he was Elijah or one of the prophets. There were some who thought he was John the Baptist. Even his own disciples didn't really understand who Jesus was.

One day Jesus took three of his disciples -- Peter, James, and John -- up on a mountain so that they could be alone. While they were on the mountain, an amazing thing happened. Jesus' appearance began to change. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Then Moses and Elijah appeared and were talking with Jesus. The disciples couldn't believe their eyes! Then they couldn't believe their ears! They heard the voice of God saying, "This is my Son. I love him and I am pleased with him. Listen to what he has to say."

Well, from that moment on Peter, James, and John had no doubt about who Jesus was. He was the Son of God. God said it.

Peter himself said, "We were eyewitnesses of his majesty...we ourselves heard the voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the mountain." (2 Peter 1:16, 18)

There are many people today who still don't know who Jesus is, but we know, don't we? He is the Son of God. How do we know? Because God said it, whether others choose to believe it or not.

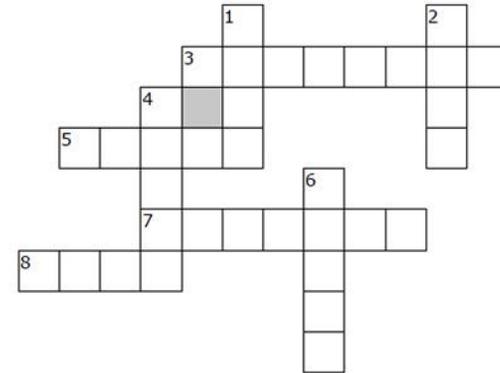
Dear Father, we thank you for sending Jesus, your Son. We know that he is your Son because you said so. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

Alleluia (Luke 9:35)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

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

DOWN

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

HIGH
VOICE

CLOUD
GOOD

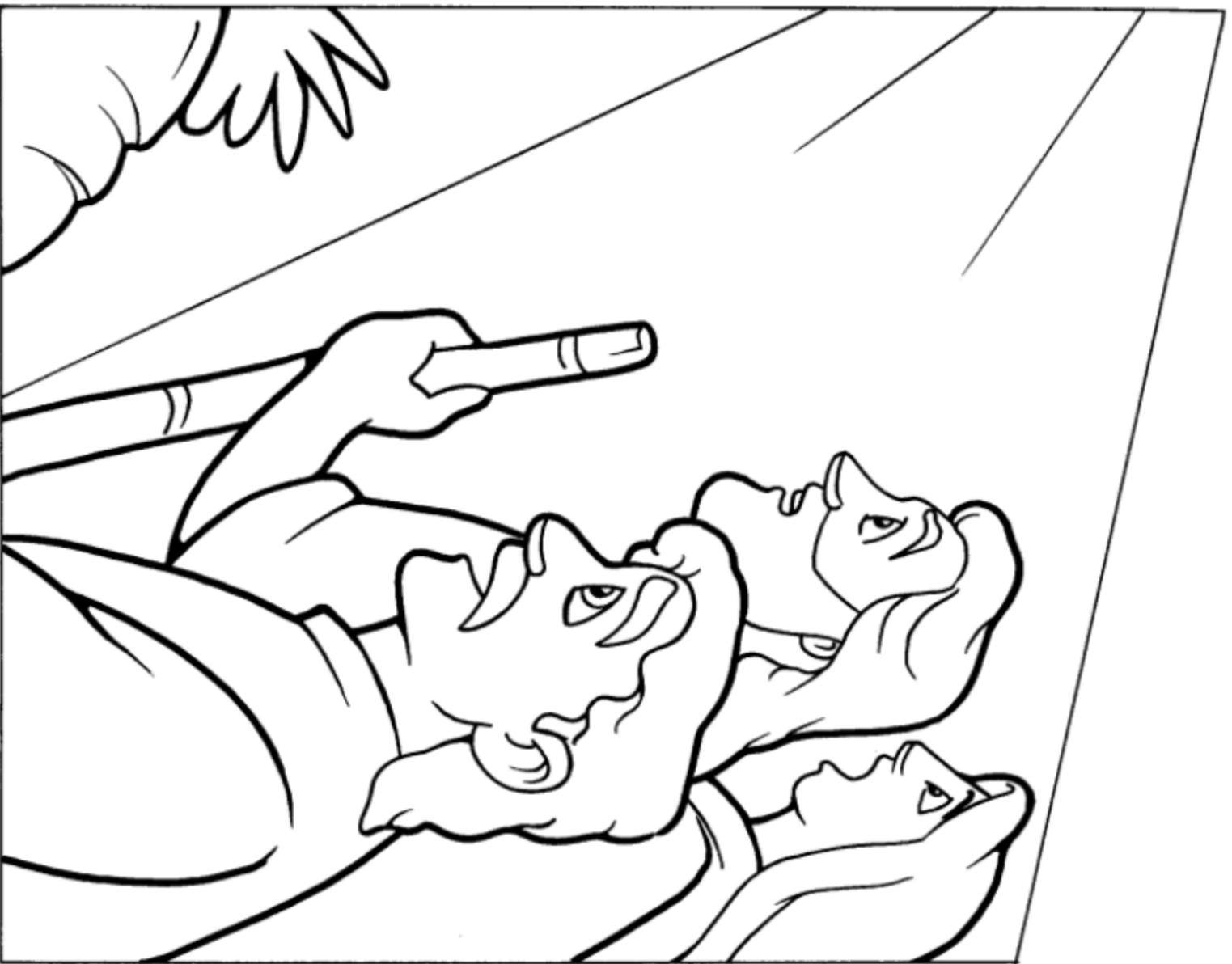
WHITE
LOVE

MOUNTAIN
CLOTHES

BUMPER STICKER: The child can be given paper and supplies (including double sided tape and/or magnet if needed) to make their own bumper sticker with the words, JESUS IS GOD'S SON or LISTEN TO JESUS. Stick their bumper sticker on a bedroom or bathroom mirror, or if they'd like to have a magnet to put it on the refrigerator. Stickers would add to the bumper sticker, especially if they were glow-in-the-dark stickers!

HEADBAND: The child can be given a long piece of construction paper about 2 inches wide (long enough to go around their head and be taped together) of their color choice. Give markers, stickers, etc., for them to write LISTEN TO JESUS or JESUS IS GOD'S SON, and decorate their headband to wear! The child may enjoy wearing their headbands and sharing the Bible story with their family.

THE TRANSFIGURATION



After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them.

Matthew 5:44