

Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

March 3, 2019

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

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



Transfiguration



If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go? Is there a vacation you'd like to take? Are you a beach person or a mountain person? Even if you can't go to these places you dream about, you can always take a virtual vacation on Google by searching for pictures of all of the beautiful places you might like to visit. If you have a good imagination, it is just like being there.

When Jesus called his disciples, he said, "Come, follow me." Can you imagine what it was like for them to travel with Jesus? Just think of the sights they saw.

- They saw water turned into wine.
- They saw blind, crippled, and sick people healed.
- They saw people raised from the dead.
- They saw Jesus walk on the water.
- They saw 5000 people fed with five loaves and two fish

Every day with Jesus was an exciting experience as the disciples followed him. Our Bible lesson today tells about a trip up a mountain that proved to be one of the most exciting journeys ever for three of Jesus' disciples.

The Bible tells us that Jesus took Peter, John, and James 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 Jesus. Do you know who it was? It Moses and Elijah. Peter and the others had fallen asleep and when they woke up, they saw Jesus and the other two talking. What a glorious sight! As Moses and Elijah started 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."

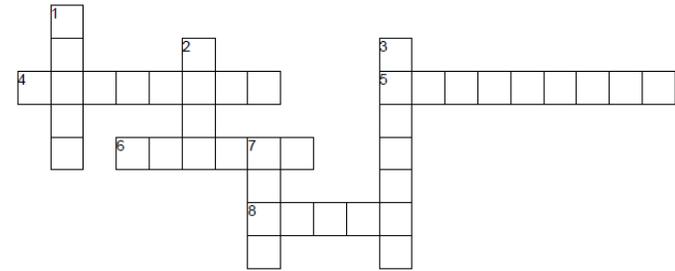
Suddenly, a cloud appeared and covered them. A voice came from the cloud saying, "This is my Son, listen to him." When the voice had spoken, Moses and Elijah were gone and the disciples were once again alone with Jesus on the mountain.

What an experience! No wonder Peter wanted to stay on the mountain top, but the Bible tells us that Peter "didn't know what he was saying." After all, if they had stayed there, they would have missed all of the wonderful experiences that followed.

You and I have many wonderful experiences as we follow Jesus. When we have a great "mountain top experience" we may wish that it would never end. But remember, every day that we follow Jesus is a wonderful blessing!

Gracious God, we thank you for all of the wonderful experiences we enjoy as we walk each day with Jesus. Help us to follow him wherever he leads us. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

Crossword Puzzle



HORIZONTAL

4. A raised part of the Earth's surface, much larger than a hill
6. Ready to go to bed or take a nap
8. The opposite of being asleep

VERTICAL

1. A grey or white mass floating in the sky, made of very small drops of water
2. The front of the head, where the eyes, nose and mouth are
3. Things such as a dress or trousers that you wear to cover your body
7. To speak to God

LIGHTNING
AWAKE

CLOUD
MOUNTAIN

FACE
PRAY

SLEEPY
CLOTHES

Activity: Together as a class or a family, search Google for some beautiful vacation spots. Talk about what makes these places so beautiful...is it the beautiful foliage of the mountains or perhaps the blue water of the ocean or the white sands of the beach? How has God made each of these places special? Using different color construction paper, cut out shapes of mountains or ocean waves, clouds, or trees to make the perfect vacation spot.

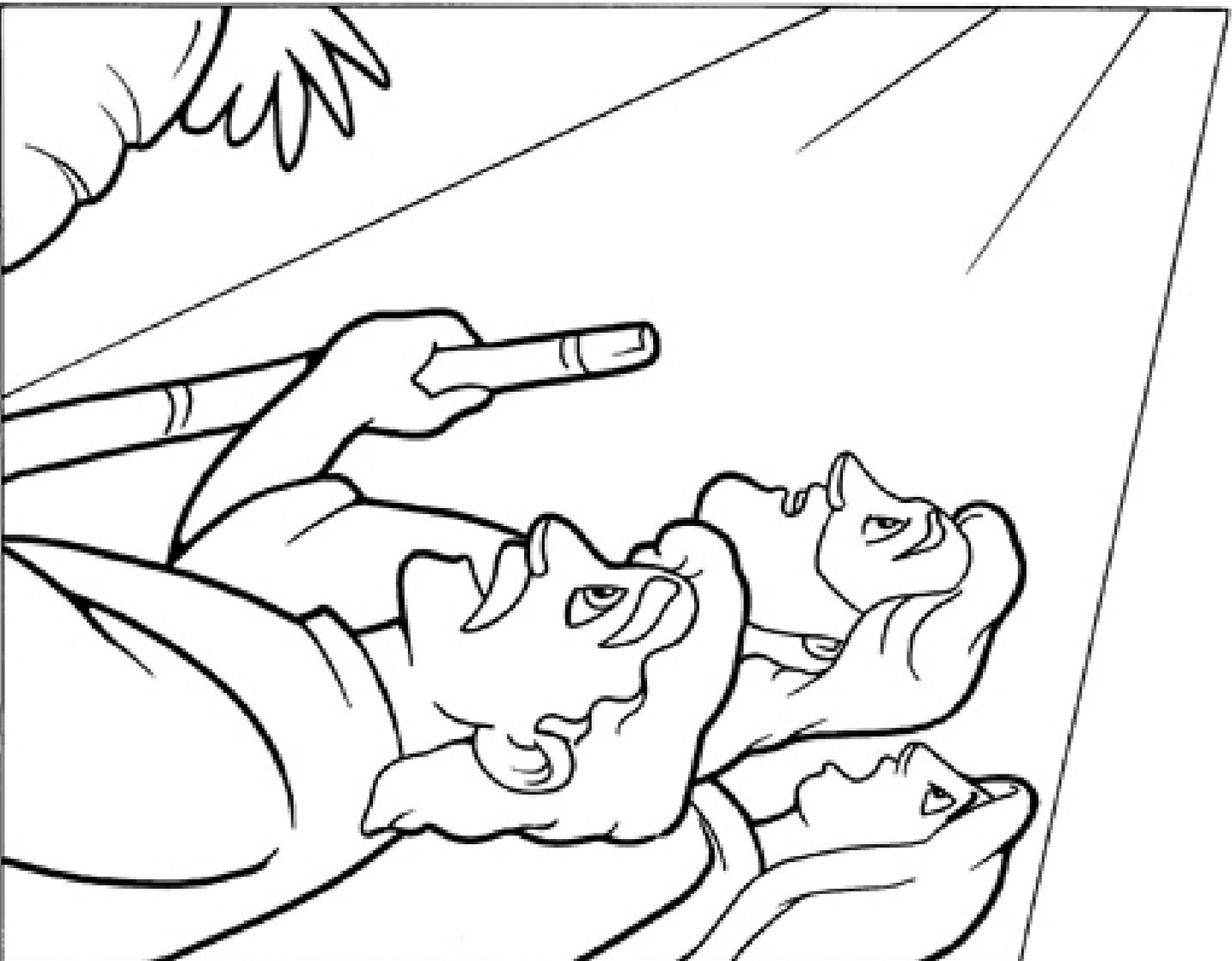
Discussion Question The disciples followed Jesus up the mountain and had a glorious experience, but we can also have those glorious experiences where ever we are. God not only meets us in the extraordinary, but in the ordinary of our everyday lives. Where have you seen God at work this week? Keep your eyes open for God's blessings. Start with a sunrise or a sunset. God is an awesome artist!

Family Table Prayer for March:

Oh, the Lord's been good to me.
And so I thank the Lord
For giving me the things I need:
The sun, the rain and the apple seed;
Oh, the Lord's been good to me.

March Memory Verse: Zechariah 10:1 Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms.

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