

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)

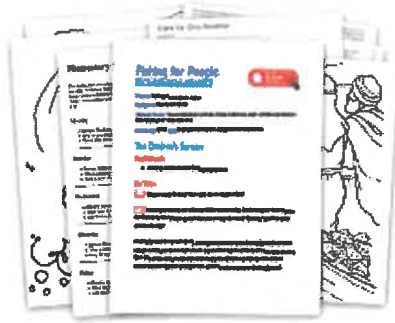
(Mix a quarter cup warm water with 1 teaspoon of glow in the dark paint. Mix until the paint is fully incorporated. Fill the Ziploc bag one-third full of baby oil. Seal the bag tightly.)

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.

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.)

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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 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

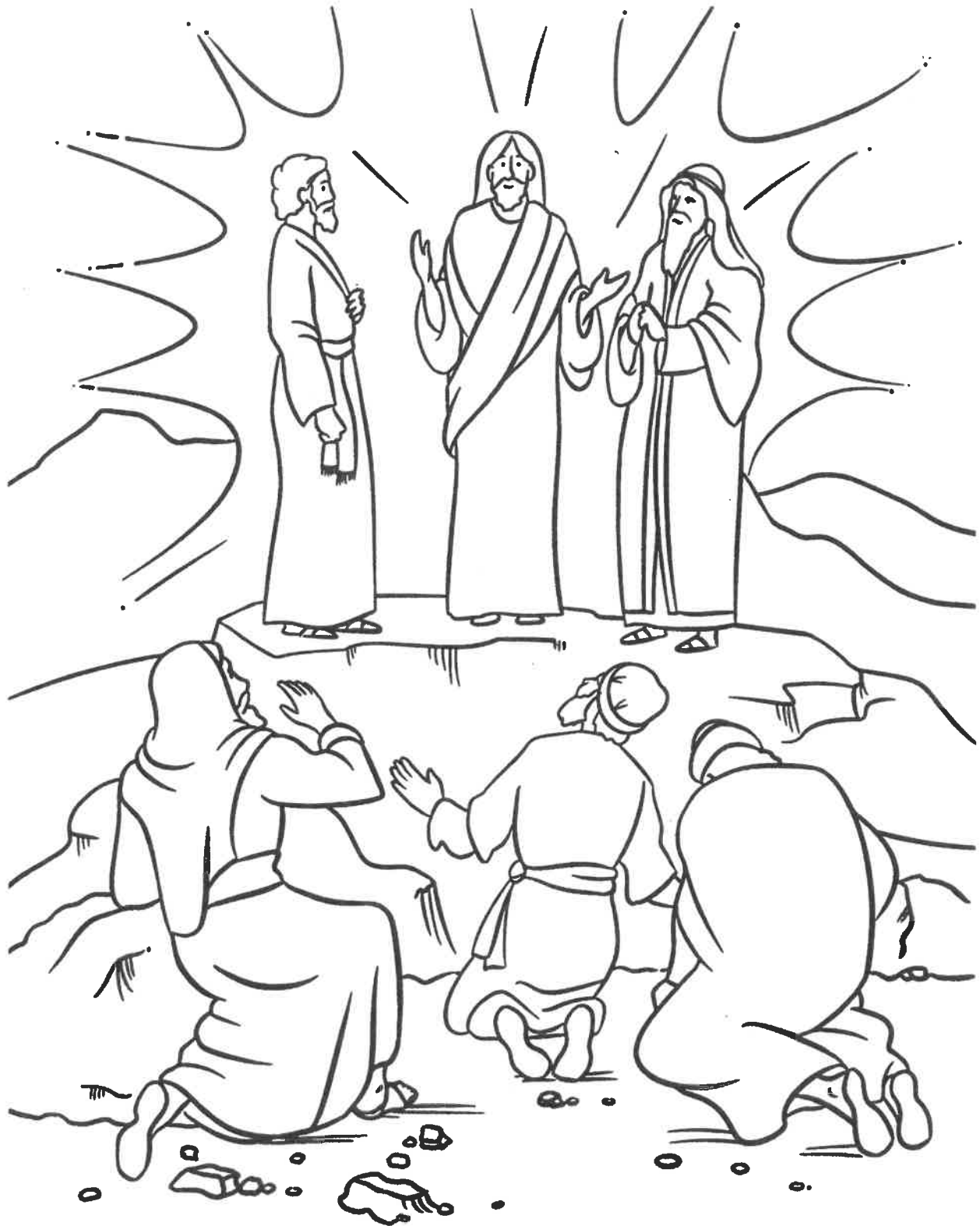
Song: "Every Day with Jesus"

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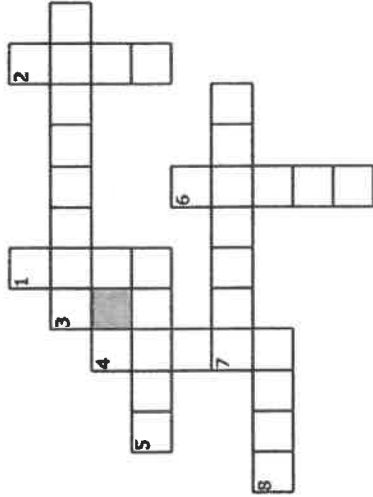
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The Transfiguration (Mark 9:2)

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. (Mark 9:2)

The Transfiguration Bible Coloring Page for Kids

Crossword Puzzle



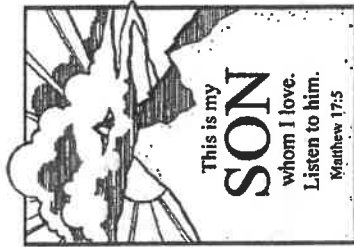
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Matthew 17:1-9

Word Search Puzzle

D Q E A A R J Z X Y V T H D M
 G P Y C S L P J O H N E Y Y
 X P O J A F X B D Y Y C M R D
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 T S V G W A W J U O C Y U C R
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SIX	PETER	CLOTHES	VOICE	JOHN
LOVE	MOSES	GOOD	WHITE	ELIJAH
JAMES	DAYS	APPEARED	MOUNTAIN	HIGH



Coloring Page

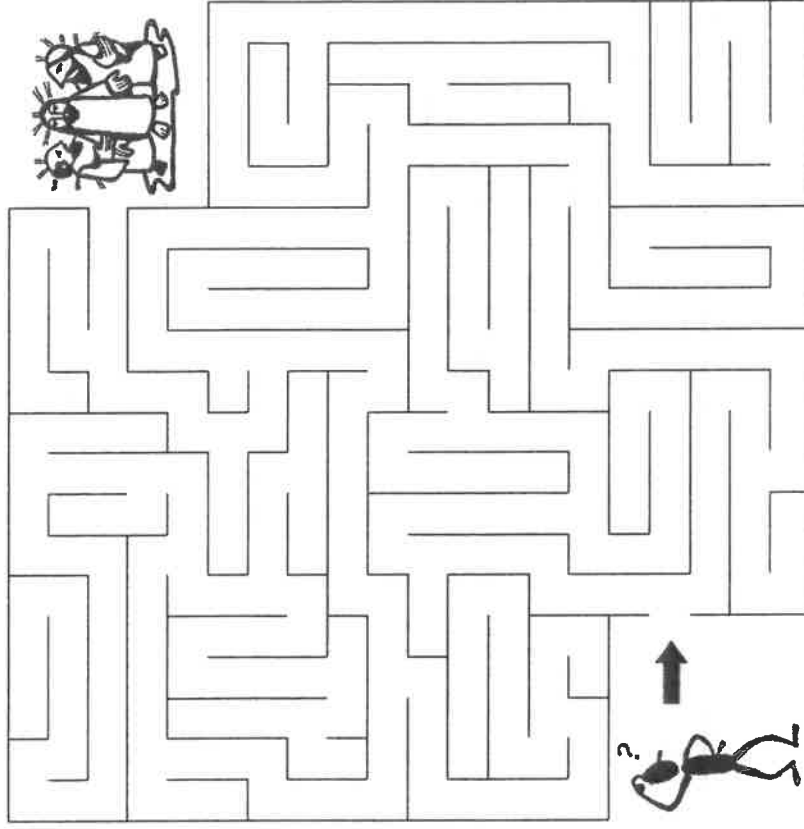


"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.
Listen to him!"
Matthew 17:5b (NIV)

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Maze Puzzle

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



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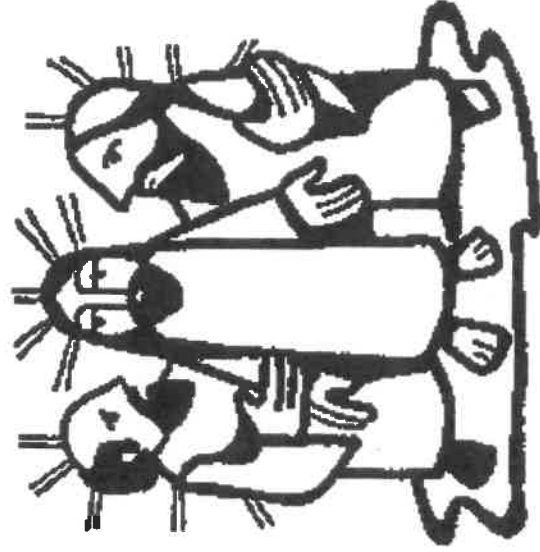
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Jesus, Moses, and Elijah
on the mountain.

Unscramble the four words and use the letters in the numbered boxes to solve the puzzle. The solution will explain the meaning of the word transfiguration.

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While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

Complete the activity by filling in the blanks.

A number of words have been removed from the text and placed in a word bank. Use the words from the word bank to fill in the blanks in the text. Write the words in the blanks provided.

After _____ days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain.

While they were there, _____ was transfigured before them.

His _____ shone like the sun and his _____ became as white as the light.

Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and were _____ with Jesus.

Peter said, "Lord it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up _____ shelters-one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

While they were talking, a bright cloud covered them and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my _____, whom I love; I am pleased with him. Listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they were terrified and _____ face down to the ground.

Jesus said to them, "Don't be _____. Get up.

As they went down from the mountain, Jesus told them not to tell anyone what they had _____:

Based on Matthew 17:1-9

Son	Jesus	afraid	talking	seen
face	six	clothes	three	fell

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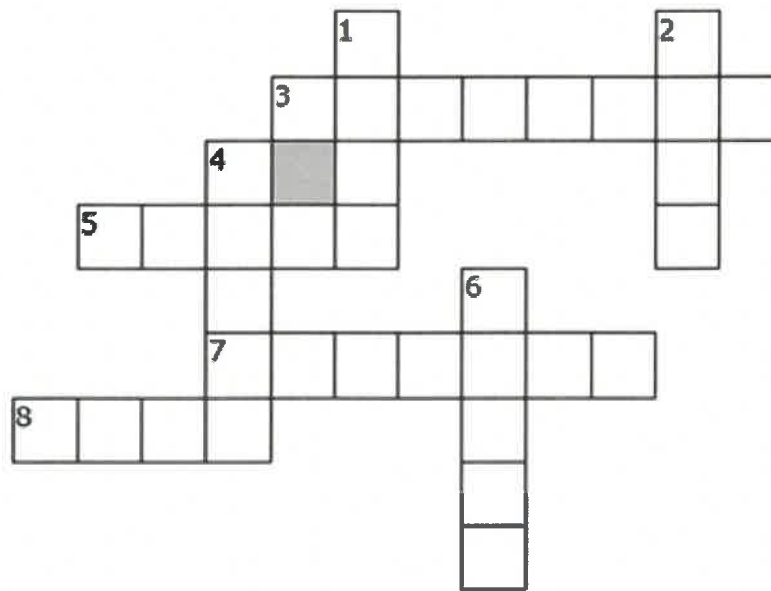
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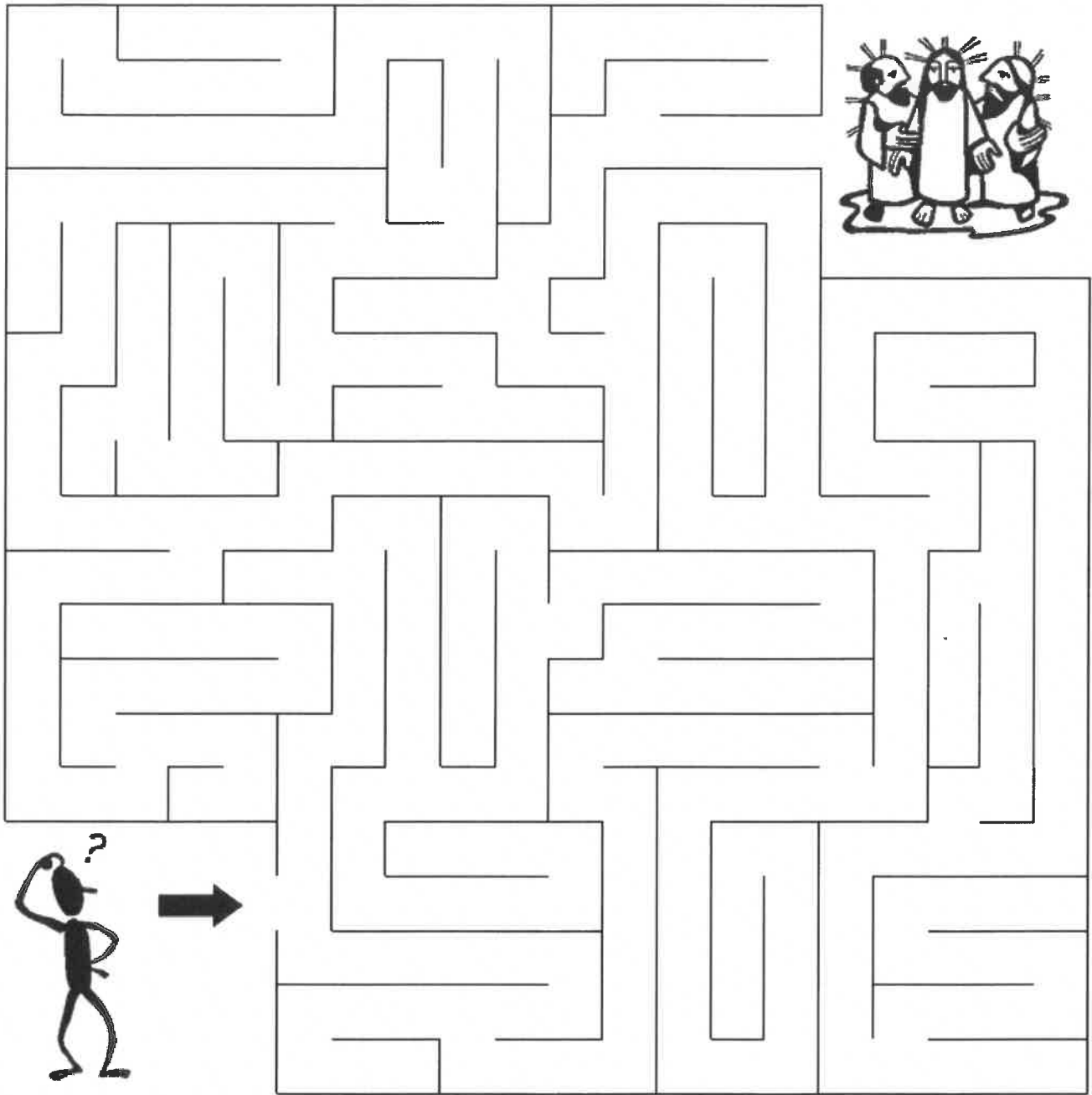
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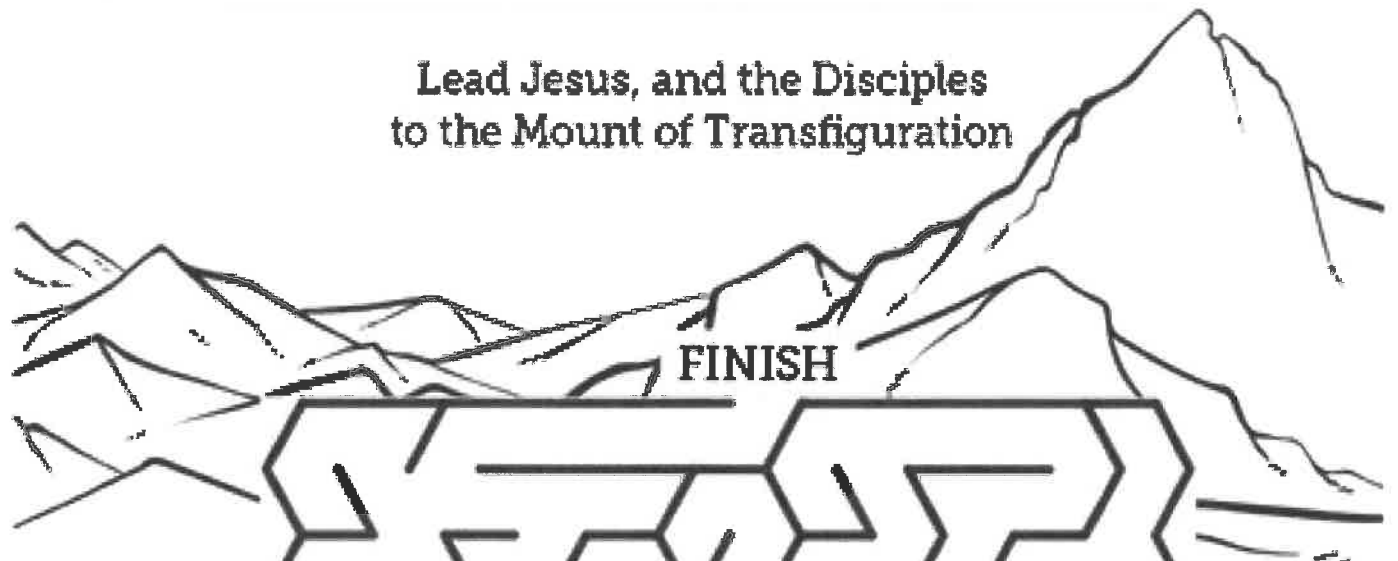
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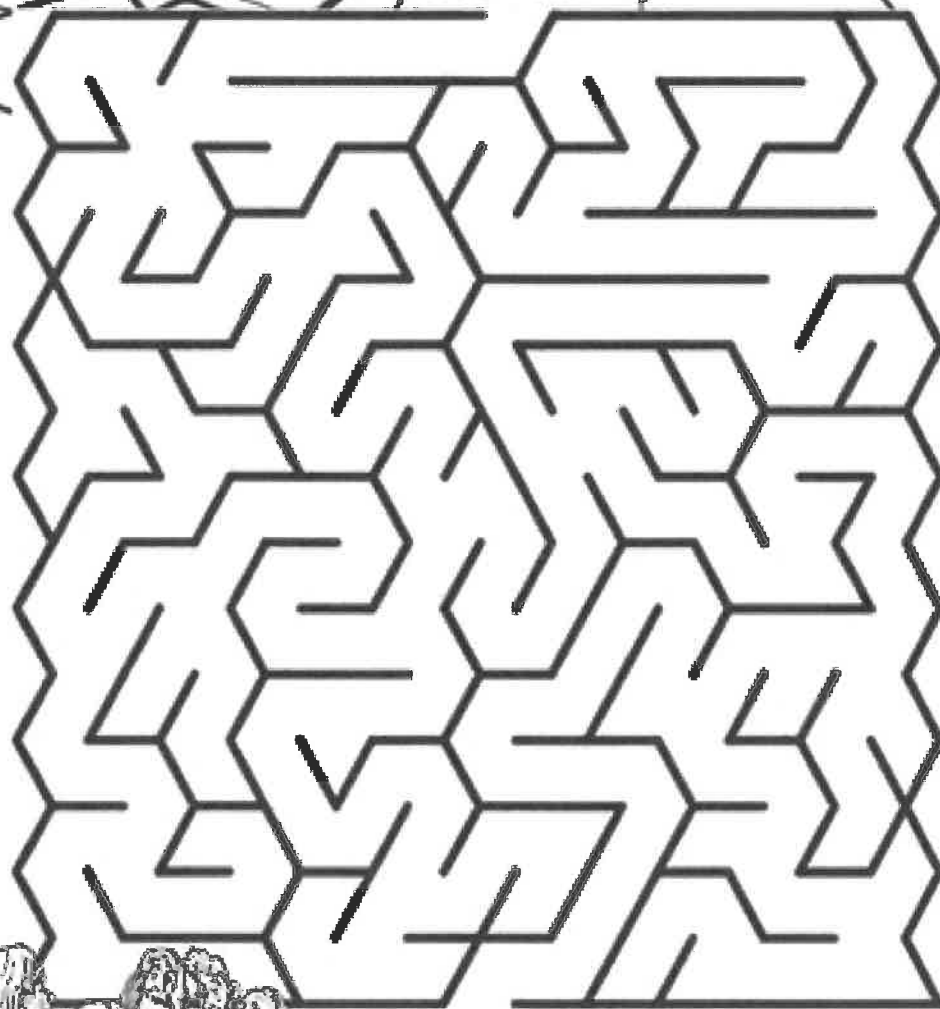
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JESUS TRANSFIGURED

Lead Jesus, and the Disciples
to the Mount of Transfiguration



FINISH



START



Transfiguration of Jesus Light Catcher Craft

This sun-catcher is meant to resemble the gleaming white light that Jesus shown on the mountain during His transfiguration.

To make this craft you will need:

- Jesus image - printed on stock paper
Choose the size you prefer on the following pages.
- wax paper (slightly smaller in size the printable image)
- crayons or colored pencils
- tape
- scissors

Instructions:

Print the image of Jesus onto stock/heavy paper.
Color the background behind Jesus.
It can be as simple as rays of light or details of a mountain scene with clouds.

Now cut out the circle and the Jesus shape.

Tape wax paper to the back so the light can shine through Jesus.

Use string, tape or tack putty to hang it on a window or a light/lamp.
Kids love shining flashlights through it too!!

Optional idea:

To make it "gift quality" or sturdy enough for younger children to play with, you could laminate it or put it in contact paper.

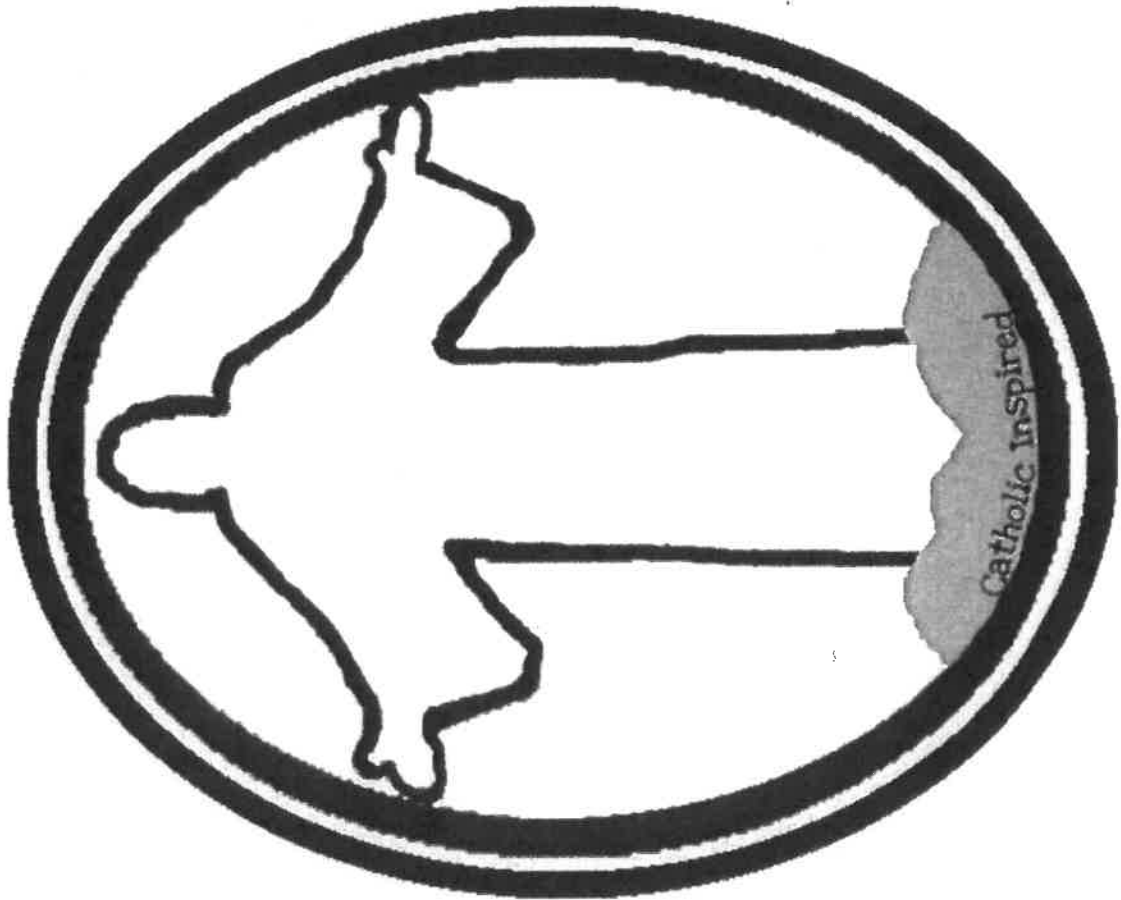
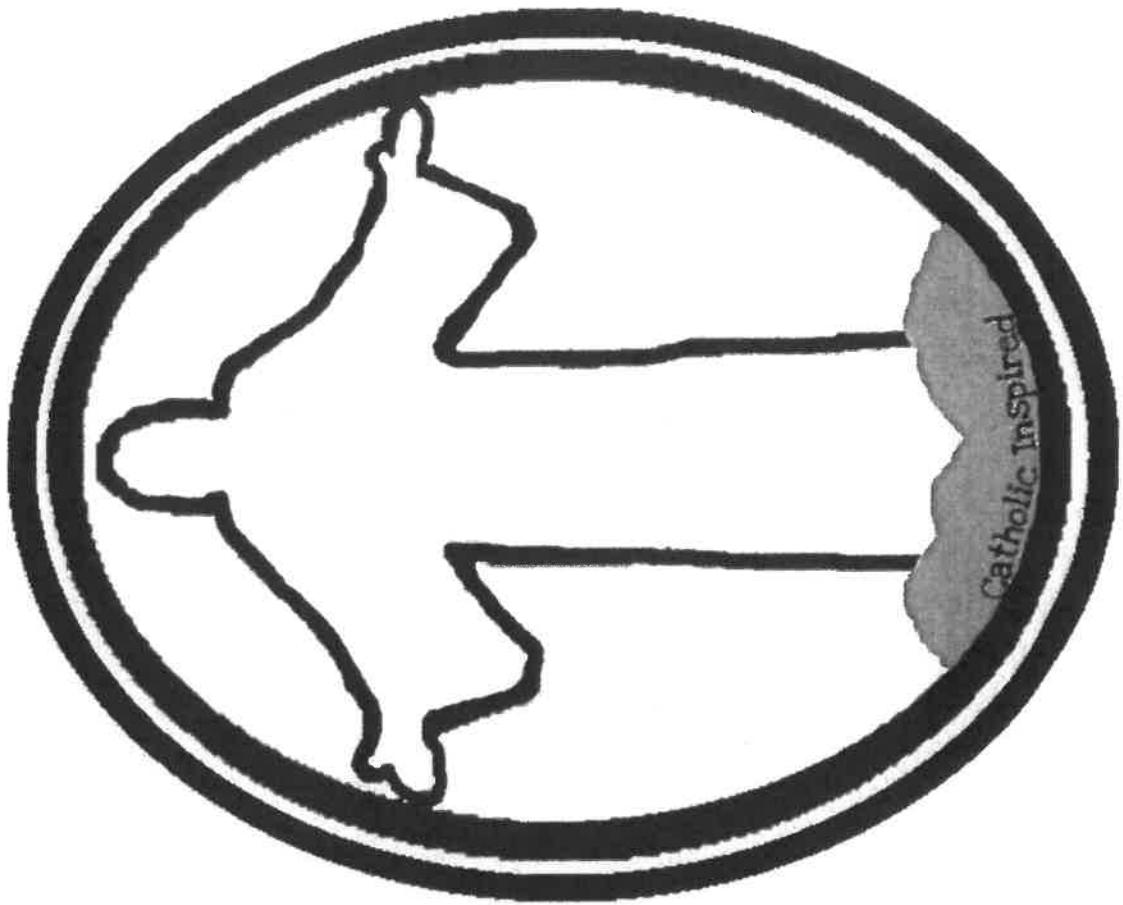
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Colour in the two pictures, leave the figures of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah white. But don't forget to colour in the bright light behind them!

Stick the two pictures back-to-back on a paper straw or similar.

Hold the straw in your hands and roll backwards and forwards, you will see Jesus transfigured!

