



Jesus Is Transfigured

Matthew 17:1–8



LESSON GOAL

Students will prepare their hearts for the coming of the Son of Man.

LESSON OBJECTIVES

Students will be able to:

- Explain when the disciples saw the “Son of Man coming in His kingdom” (Matt. 16:28).
- List the three testimonies to the Son of Man in this chapter.
- Tell what four truths the Father’s voice revealed about His Son.

KEY VERSE

“...and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.”
—Matthew 17:2

APPLICATION

- Make pleasing Jesus the goal of your every action.
- Listen to Jesus through God’s Word.
- Look forward to the coming of the Son of Man.
- Meditate on the Christ’s glory, His fulfillment of the Old Testament, and how He pleased the Father.

NEXT WEEK

Jesus Confronts the Rich Young Ruler
Matthew 19:16–26

Symbol Key



Craft



Memory Verse



Object Lesson



Game



Visual Aid



Activity



Q & A



Work Sheet



Grade Level

Teacher Planning Sheet

PREPARE

Objectives/Truths to cover this week

- _____
- _____
- _____
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Personal Application

As a result of my study in this passage, God wants me to...

- _____
- _____
- _____

Three ways students need to apply this passage are...

- _____
- _____
- _____

Materials
Needed:

POINT

Choose from various ideas to point students to the coming Bible lesson.

- _____
- _____

PROCLAIM

Choose from various ideas to proclaim the Bible lesson.

Presentation Ideas

- _____
- _____

Praise/Music Ideas

- _____
- _____
- _____

PRACTICE

Choose ideas to help review and apply today's lesson.

- _____
- _____

PREPARE WITH THE TRUTH

“Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul... you shall teach them to your children.” —Deuteronomy 11:18–19

Please take time to prepare your mind and heart to accurately handle the truths of God’s Word (2 Tim. 2:15). Read through the Bible background and study the truths contained in this lesson. Crucial background information is included here that will aid you in understanding the Scripture.

Bible Background

Introduction

In Matthew 16, Jesus revealed many surprising truths to the disciples about the coming of the Messiah. Following Peter’s confession of Jesus as the “Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt. 16:16), Jesus told the disciples that He was going to die and rise again on the third day (16:21). Because the death of the Messiah did not fit into his plans, Peter told Jesus He was wrong (16:22). Jesus rebuked Peter for being man-centered in his thinking. He then told His disciples that, contrary to their expectations, the only way they could be His disciples was by dying to themselves, picking up their crosses, and following Him (16:24). Those who followed Christ would be rewarded when the “Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father” (16:27). The disciples must have been surprised and discouraged by Jesus’ revealing that He would die, that His disciples must die to themselves daily, and that their reward would wait until Jesus returned. Their expectations for the Messiah had been much different from what God had planned.

Jesus finished the succession of surprising truths by finishing with one more revelation. Jesus said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom” (Matthew 16:28). Jesus confirmed the previous statement of His future glorious return by telling that some of His disciples would see the Son of Man in His majestic splendor before they died. After six days had passed, Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain where they saw Jesus transfigured, saw the prophets Moses and Elijah, and heard the voice of God the Father. Although the disciples weren’t permitted to speak about what they saw and heard until after Jesus’ resurrection, the events surrounding the transfiguration were dramatic testimony that Jesus, the Son of Man, was the Messiah who was coming to judge His enemies and reward His disciples.

The Testimony of the Transfiguration (Matt. 17:1–2)

Six days after Jesus had promised His disciples that some of them would see Him “coming in His kingdom” (16:28), Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain to be alone with Him while He prayed (Luke 9:28). (The exact mountain Jesus went up is unknown.) Of all the disciples, Jesus was closest with this group of three. The Gospel of Luke records that while Jesus prayed, the disciples “were heavy with sleep” (9:32.) When they awoke, the disciples saw something incredible: Jesus had been transfigured (17:2)! Just as Jesus had promised, the disciples saw “the Son of Man in His kingdom” (16:28).

Jesus’ appearance was remarkable: “His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light” (Matt. 17:2). Unlike Moses, whose face only reflected God’s glory on Mt. Sinai, Jesus’ face shone with His own glory. Jesus had

many times revealed His glory through miracles but He had never so fully revealed His glory as the Son of God. The disciples were deeply affected by the event. Peter would later write of being the “eyewitness of His majesty” when Jesus “received from God the Father honor and glory” (2 Peter 1:16–17), and John wrote in the beginning of his gospel that “we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). The glory of the Son of God was so great that even His clothes were transformed. Mark wrote, “His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them” (9:3). The revealed glory of Christ was powerful proof that Jesus was the Son of Man.

The Testimony of the Prophets (Matt. 17:3–4)

When Peter, James and John awoke, they not only experienced the glory of Christ but also saw Moses and Elijah talking to Jesus (Luke 9:32; Matt. 17:3; Mark 9:4). Moses and Elijah spoke with Jesus about “His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem” (Luke 9:31). The Law and the Prophets, the two broad divisions of the Old Testament, were embodied in the persons of Moses, the man chosen by God to write His Law, and Elijah, the man chosen by God to defend His Law. The presence of Moses and Elijah was a testimony not only to the Son’s identity but also to the Son’s announcement that He must die. Instead of trying to prevent Jesus’ suffering as rash Peter had done, Moses and Elijah accepted the place in God’s plan for the death of God’s Son. During their earthly lives, both of these Old Testament prophets had longed for intimacy with God and for the reconciliation of Israel. They realized that only through the death of God’s Son could the Old Testament be fulfilled. Their presence vividly proclaimed that the Law and the Prophets, all of Old Testament Scripture, pointed to Christ.

The presence of the glorified Jesus as well as Moses and Elijah proved too much for the disciples. The disciples “were greatly afraid” and “did not know what to say” (Mark 9:6). When he saw Moses and Elijah leaving (Luke 9:33), Peter impulsively asked Jesus for permission to build three tabernacles (temporary dwelling structures), one for Jesus, one for Elijah, and one for Moses (Matt. 17:4). Although Peter was not really aware of what he was saying, he began his request with “Master, it is good for us to be here” (Luke 9:33). Whether Peter desired to prevent Moses and Elijah from leaving because he wanted to spend time with them, or to escape the suffering waiting for Jesus and His disciples, Peter was perfectly willing for God’s plan to be put on hiatus. Because Peter had yet to appreciate the incomparable beauty of Christ, Peter placed Moses and Elijah on equal footing with the Son of God. The glorious Son of God was not enough to satisfy Peter.

The Testimony of God Himself (Matt. 17:5–8)

Before Peter had finished speaking, “a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!’” (Matt. 17:5). The men on the mountain were engulfed in the glory of God manifested as a cloud. God’s glory had been previously revealed as a cloud when God led Israel in the wilderness, indwelt both the Tabernacle and the Temple, and appeared to Isaiah at His commissioning. When they entered the cloud, the disciples were afraid (Luke 9:34). Their fear only grew when they heard God’s voice. The disciples then “fell on their faces and were greatly afraid” (Matt. 17:6). Peter had not recognized God’s glory in the face of the Son, but God’s glory in the cloud and voice was unmistakable. The disciples were fearful as they realized how holy God was and how unholy they were.

The Father testified to four truths about Jesus. When He called Jesus His Son, the Father testified to the Son’s divine relationship with the Father (Matt. 17:5).

Although there are three person in the Godhead, the Father, Son, and Spirit are one God in being. The Father also declared the status of the Son's relationship with the Father. The Father called His Son "beloved." For all eternity and through all eternity, the Son will enjoy the Father's love. The third truth testified by the Father was that Jesus had been well-pleasing. The Son had perfectly obeyed the Father (Matt. 17:5). Approximately two and a half years had passed since Jesus' baptism, and Jesus had still perfectly pleased the Father, despite unending rejection and opposition (Matt. 3:17). The Father lastly testified to the Son's authority. The Father commanded the disciples to hear the Son. Jesus must take the highest place of authority in the disciples' lives regardless of what He required from them. They must submit to His call for them to deny themselves, pick up their crosses, and follow Him. They also must submit to the revelation that He was going to suffer, be killed, and rise again. The disciples often possessed little faith and had been hard-hearted. The Father's command required the disciples submit to Christ as they would God Himself.

Jesus graciously calmed the disciples who were still hiding from the glory of God. Jesus "came and touched them and said, 'Arise, and do not be afraid'" (Matt. 17:7). When the disciples obeyed Jesus, they looked up and saw only Him (17:8). Moses and Elijah had returned to heaven, and the glory of God had departed.

Conclusion

Just as Jesus had promised, Peter, James, and John had indeed seen the "Son of Man coming in His kingdom" (16:28). The testimony of the transfiguration, of Moses and Elijah, and of the Father's voice were all powerful proofs that the Son of Man would indeed "come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to His works" (Matt. 16:27). When the Son returns, "all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (Matt. 24:30). Knowing that Jesus will come with rewards and punishment must cause us to examine our lives and make sure that we are ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

POINT TO THE TRUTH

*"Give ear, O my people, to my law; incline your ears to the words of my mouth."
—Psalm 78:1*

This section includes questions to review last week's lesson and ideas to prepare students for this week's lesson. Choose from the following ideas to point to the truths of this lesson.



Review Questions

What did Jesus asks His disciples?

Jesus asks them, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" (16:13).

What did the disciples say that people were saying?

Some people believed Him to be John the Baptist. Others believed that Jesus was a former prophet, like Elijah or Jeremiah that had come back to life.

What did God reveal to Peter?

Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Matt. 16:16). God the Father had revealed to him the truth about Jesus' identity.

What did Peter say when Jesus said that He would die?

Peter refused to listen to what Jesus had to say and instead corrected Him. Peter said, "this shall never happen to You!"

How did Jesus answer Peter?

Jesus said, "Get behind me Satan." Peter did not have God's plan in mind but rather his own.

What did Jesus say that people who want to follow Him must do?

If any one wanted to follow Jesus as His disciple, Jesus said that they would have to follow His example by denying themselves, taking up their crosses and follow Him.



Transfiguration

When Matthew records that Christ was transfigured he means that Jesus underwent a dramatic change in appearance. The disciples had known Jesus for a couple of years now but never before had he looked like this. Jesus who had been living for over thirty years in ordinary human form was now partially seen in His own glory. As His divine glory radiated from His face, it illumined His clothes, which became as white as light. This transfiguration had revealed Jesus, more than any of His miracles, for who he really is, the Son of God.



Testimonies

Testimonies are needed all the time to determine whether or not something is real or make-believe, true or false. When something serves as a testimony to something else, it may confirm what is actually true about either a person, place, or thing. In today's lesson on the transfiguration there were many things that gave a testimony that Jesus was indeed the Son of God. Jesus' appearance changing, the prophets' visit, and God speaking were all proofs the Jesus was the Son of God. They testified to the disciples (and us) that He really was who He claimed to be.



Moses and Elijah Review

Review with the children who Moses and Elijah were. Begin the class by coloring the pictures from Moses or Elijah lessons. Ask the children what they remember about the two prophets. Either the teacher or children can act out an event from either of the two prophets' lives and the other students can guess what event is being acted out. Ask the children what these prophets would have liked to talk to Jesus about if they were alive when He was on the earth. Tell the children that in today's lesson they are going to get to find out what Moses and Elijah were talking about.



Mime Game

Pretend you are a mime and act out several different actions or scenarios (climbing a ladder, trapped in a box, etc.). After your act, ask the class what they saw you doing, seeing if they can give an answer as to what particular situations you were in (whether you were happy, scared, sad, etc.). This should be a great opportunity to explain to the students how Peter, James, and John witnessed Jesus' transfiguration and then gave testimony to what happen. In them watching you they are witnessing you act like a mime. Once they have witnessed your act, they are then able to give a testimony to what they saw. Today's lesson is the disciples' testimony to what they saw that day at the transfiguration.

PROCLAIM THE TRUTH

“Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.” —Psalm 78:4

This section includes the Bible lesson, lesson questions, and praise and worship ideas. Song suggestions are included that you can use to proclaim your worship to God. Use the lesson questions to check the students’ understanding. This section also includes various presentation ideas to use alongside the teaching time. Read the Bible passage several times before you read these pages. All teaching should be done right from the Bible.

Bible Lesson

Passage Outline

The Testimony of the Transfiguration (Matt. 17:1–2)

The Testimony of the Prophets (Matt. 17:3–4)

The Testimony of God Himself (Matt. 17:5–8)

Introduction

At the end of last week’s lesson, what was Jesus speaking of when He told His disciples that some of them would “see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom” (Matt. 16:28)? This was the very question that the disciples were asking themselves. Yet just six days later three of the disciples got to experience an event of a lifetime. Today’s lesson looks into the event when Peter, James, and John got to see the glory of Jesus as the Son of God. How would these disciples respond to seeing the glory of almighty God? How should you respond to such an event, and are you ready for Him to come again?



Lead-off Questions (LOQs)

LOQ: What did Jesus do in Matthew 17:1–2?

Answer: Just six days after Jesus spoke of His coming in the glory of His Father, Jesus sets out to take Peter, James, and John to the top of a high mountain. There at that mountain, Jesus’ glory was revealed to His three closest friends in a way that had never been revealed before. Jesus was transfigured, or His appearance changed, right before their very eyes. Just as Jesus had promised in last week’s lesson, some of the disciples had seen “the Son of Man in His kingdom” (16:28).

LOQ: What occurred during Jesus’ transfiguration?

Answer: Jesus’ appearance was incredible, like nothing the disciples had ever seen before. “His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light” (Matt. 17:2). Jesus face was shining with His own glory. Along with Jesus’ appearance changing, the disciples were able to experience the presence of both Moses and Elijah. These two Old Testament prophets appeared right in front of them and were physically talking with Jesus. These great men of faith were two people that the disciples respected very much. If Jesus’ transfiguration and the presence of such prophets were not enough, God Himself appeared in the form of a cloud and spoke to the disciples. Truly this was a day that the disciples would never forget.

LOQ: What testimony did the Jesus' transfiguration serve?

Answer: That Jesus' face was as bright as the sun and His clothes as white as the light proved that Jesus was no ordinary man or prophet. Jesus had many times revealed His glory through miracles but He had never so fully revealed His glory as the Son of God. The glory of Christ was a powerful proof that Jesus was in fact God.

LOQ: What testimony did the presence of Moses and Elijah serve?

Answer: The presence of Moses and Elijah was a testimony not only to the Jesus' identity as God's Son but also to Jesus' announcement that He must die. While they were alive here on earth, both Moses and Elijah longed for intimacy with God and for people to be restored back to God. They realized that only through the death of God's Son could this be accomplished. Without His death, sin would continue to separate man from God. Their presence ultimately revealed that all that was written in the Old Testament was now pointing to Christ.

LOQ: What four things did God testify about His Son on the mountain of transfiguration?

Answer: As Peter was suggesting that they build a temple for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah, God immediately interrupted him saying, "This is my Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" (Matt. 17:5). When God called Jesus His Son the Father testified that Jesus had a special relationship with the Father. The Father's statement also told of the status of the Son's relationship with the Father. That the Father called His Son "Beloved," meant that Jesus was going to enjoy the Father's love for all eternity. The third truth testified by the Father is that Jesus had been well pleasing to Him. The Son had perfectly obeyed the Father. Even though two and half years had past since Jesus was baptized, Jesus had still perfectly pleased God. The Father lastly testified to the Son's authority. The Father commanded the disciples to listen to His Son. This command required the disciples to submit to Christ as they would God Himself.

LOQ: Why were the disciples afraid when they entered the presence of God?

Answer: Matthew records that as the disciples entered the cloud where God dwelled that they were very afraid. In fact, the disciples were so afraid that they fell on their faces before the Lord (Matt. 17:6). Peter, James, and John had not recognized God's glory in the face of the Son, but God's glory in the cloud was unmistakable. The disciples were fearful as they realized how holy God is and how unworthy they were to be in His presence.

LOQ: After God, Moses, and Elijah had left, how were the disciples to now respond to the Son of God?

Answer: That Jesus was the Son of God the disciples could not even question. They had witnessed one of the most amazing things in all of history. Jesus must now take the highest place of authority in the disciples' lives regardless of what He required them to do. They must hear and be obedient to Jesus' call to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow Him. They must also accept the fact that He as the Messiah must finish what the Father had sent Him to do, and that is suffer, be killed, and rise again.

Summary

Just as Jesus had promised, Peter, James, and John had indeed seen the “Son of Man coming in His kingdom” (16:28). The testimony of the transfiguration, and of Moses and Elijah, along with the Father’s voice were all powerful proofs that Jesus was the Son of God. As God’s Son, Jesus will one day return in the glory of His Father with His angels. When He comes that day, Jesus will come in even greater glory than He did at the mountain of transfiguration.

Application

Knowing that Jesus is the Son of God means that He has all authority over the earth. Because of such authority, every man should listen to Jesus just as the disciples were called to do in today’s lesson. Praise God that each man is now able to listen to Jesus through the reading of the God’s Word. Those who have faith in Jesus as the Messiah, have repented of their sins, and have denied themselves to follow Christ are all able to look forward to Jesus’ return to earth in the glory of His Father. Knowing that Jesus will come with rewards and punishment must cause each person to examine their lives to make sure that they are ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

Presentation Ideas



A Beka Book® Flash-A-Cards®

Use appropriate A Beka Book® Flash-A-Cards® with the lesson.



Betty Lukens Flannel Graph

Use appropriate flannel graph pieces with the lesson.



Jesus’ Transfiguration

Items needed: very dirty washcloths, bucket of bleach and water, rubber gloves, bright spotlight, black light, tape and cassette player

To visualize just how white Jesus’ clothes were, carefully wash the dirty material. The goal will be to try wash the dirty material so that it becomes as white and as bright as light (wear rubber gloves to keep the bleach off the skin). After a lot of hard work take the time to explain about how white Jesus’ clothes must have been during His transfiguration.

Another way to visualize the way Jesus’ clothes might have looked during His transfiguration is to have the class stand in front of a black light. When the lights are turned off the class should be able to see their clothes (especially white clothes) shine with great brightness. Take this time to talk about how white Jesus’ clothes were on that day.

To visualize just how bright Jesus’ face might have shone during His transfiguration, show the class a bright spotlight. After they have observed just how bright the light is take this time to explain how during His transfiguration Jesus’ face shone as bright as the sun.

To visualize how God had spoken to the disciples bring a tape and a cassette player. Before coming to class, record on the tape a message of exactly what God had said to the disciples, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!”. When it gets to the part in today’s lesson where God speaks to the disciples, inconspicuously play the tape recording in the back of the room.



Understanding the Transfiguration

A classic example of transfiguration is the progression from caterpillar to butterfly. Bring in pictures to the class of each stage of a butterfly's transformation: caterpillar, cocoon, and butterfly. Perhaps a video of metamorphosis can be acquired from a local library to show the class. Young children will be fascinated to learn about the wonders of God's creation. Ask the children if Jesus ever changed. Discuss how God the Son added on humanity when He became a man. Describe how He grew from infancy to manhood. Then explain how He was transformed and showed His glory to His disciples at the transfiguration.



Falsely Accused

Help the children understand the importance of the testimony the three disciples received concerning Jesus' identity. Tell a story with puppets about two children who are in a grocery store when one of them gets accused by the store manager of breaking something. While the one child can testify that the other child did not do anything, the store manager will not believe it. But when several adults came and testified to the boy's innocence, the store manager had no choice but to admit he was wrong. Tell the children that in today's lesson they are going to hear several testimonies about who Jesus is. Tell them to listen closely for them.

Praise and Worship

Fairest Lord Jesus

Holy, Holy, Holy

We Declare Your Majesty

Jesus, Name Above All Names

PRACTICE THE TRUTH

"That they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments." —Psalm 78:7

Choose ideas from this section that review and apply the truths of the Bible lesson.



Testimony Triangle

Materials: copies of craft pattern, three large craft sticks per student, scissors, black fine-tip sharpie, glue, crayons, construction paper

Directions: Pass out three craft sticks to each student. Instruct the students to glue them together in the shape of a triangle. Set aside the triangle to dry. Have students cut out shapes of clouds, flames, Ten Commandments, and a cross from construction paper. Students may decorate each shape with crayons. Instruct the students to glue the cloud to the top of the triangle, the Ten Commandments on the bottom left, and the flames on the bottom right, and the cross to the center of the triangle. Have the students write "Mount" (top left stick) "of" (top right stick) "Transfiguration" (bottom stick) on the craft sticks in between the shapes. Each word should be written on a separate stick. Encourage the students to share the three testimonies to the Son of Man from this passage at home.



It's All in the Name!

When God said to the disciples, "This is my Son," He was revealing to them that Jesus is God. Giving Jesus this title of Son meant a great deal. As a son, Jesus would have had all that God had, His power, authority, kingdom, etc. As son, Jesus would have also been obedient to His Father, who was God. To communicate this to the children, dialogue with them about what some of their last names are. Ask them where they got their last name or who gave it to them. They should be able to tell you that they were given their names from their parents and that having the same name as them means that they belong to them. Also ask them to tell you what some of their last names mean. Take a moment to explain about the origin of your family, explaining to them that you know all this because of what your last name is. In the same way, that God referred to Jesus as His "Son" tells us a lot about who Jesus the Messiah is. Jesus was obedient to God. All the characteristics and authority that belonged to God also belonged to Jesus.



The Son of a King

A prince is often a very powerful and wealthy person. Much of this wealth and power comes from being the son of a King. Because a prince is the king's son, he often receives the riches of his father's kingdom and authority over all the land. In the same way, Jesus being God's Son meant a great deal. As His Son, Jesus was able to enjoy and possess all that God had. He was also given all the same power and authority that God possessed. In today's lesson God confirmed that Jesus is indeed the Messiah by calling Him His own Son. God's Son had come to the earth with all power and was sent by the Father to offer salvation to all those who would believe in His name. To believe in His name is to believe that Jesus is the one and only Son of God and that He alone can take away sin.



The Cloud and Transfiguration

Using the coloring sheet of the transfiguration, instruct students to color and decorate the cloud that descended during the transfiguration with cotton balls. Small gold or silver streamers could also be glued or a highlighter used on the coloring sheet to represent the light that came from the transfigured Christ.



"Do You Believe?"

Materials: copies of "Do You Believe" craft pages, scissors, glue crayons

Directions. Have students cut out both crosses and glue them back to back. Next have them cut out the eye, ear, and mouth shapes. Have them glue the shapes to the appropriate part of the cross. Fold the cross on the dotted lines in the numbered order.



"Jesus is transfigured"

Use this worksheet to reinforce the key truths of today's lesson. The worksheet is located at the back of the lesson.



Small Group Activity: "God's Holy Presence"

Use this worksheet in a small group. Lead the students in discussing the questions and their answers. The worksheet is located at the back of the lesson.

Coloring Pages

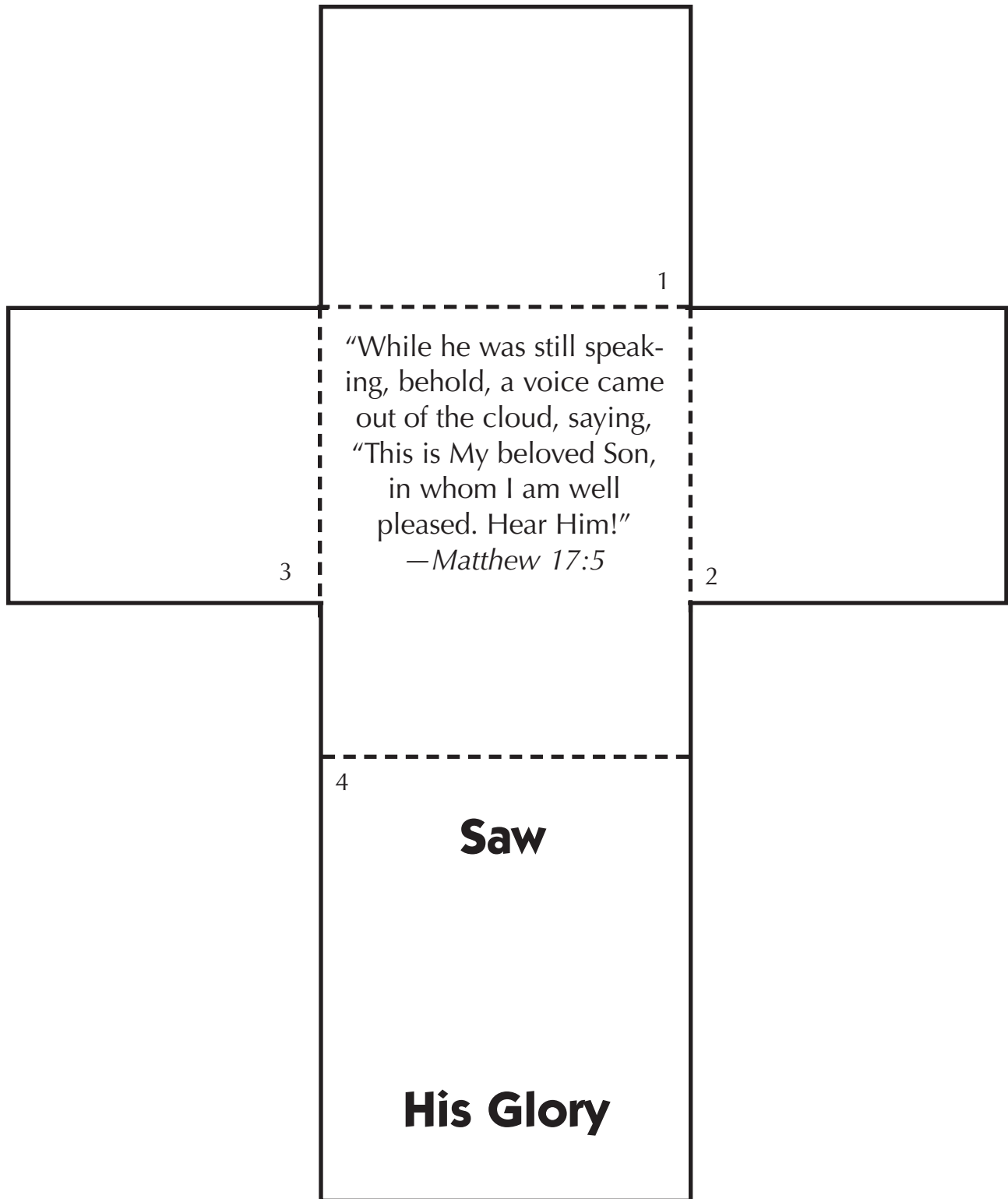
Give each child a copy of the coloring pages at the back of the lesson. He or she can color the pages in class or take them home to color.



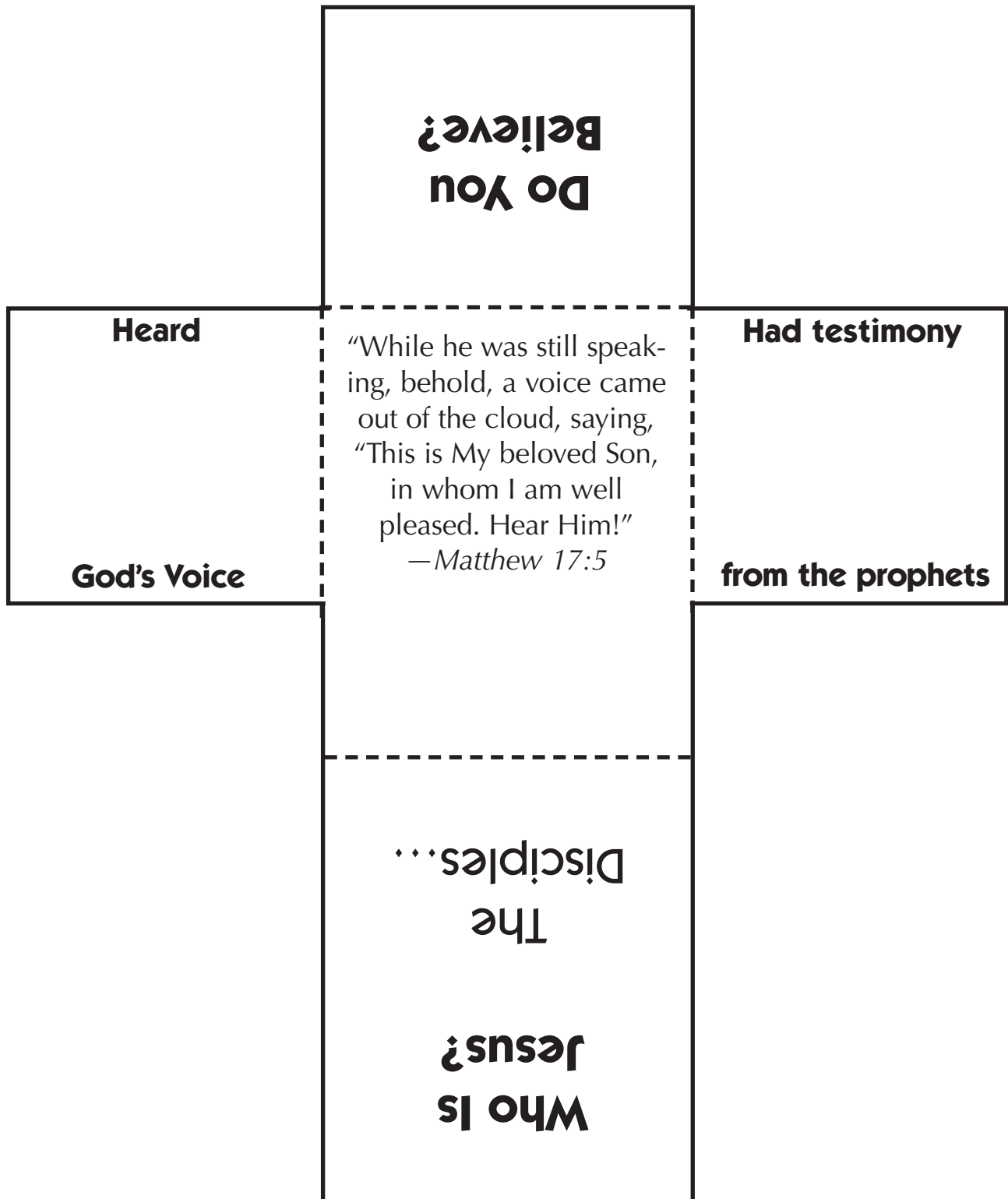
MEMORY VERSE

“...and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.” —*Matthew 17:2*

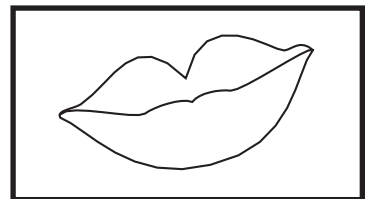
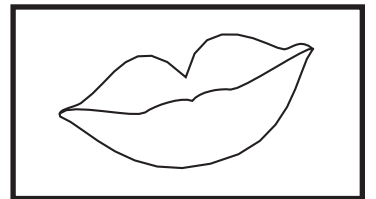
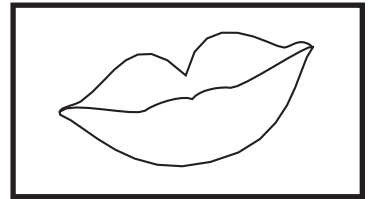
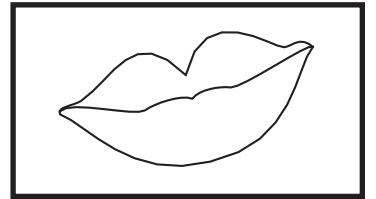
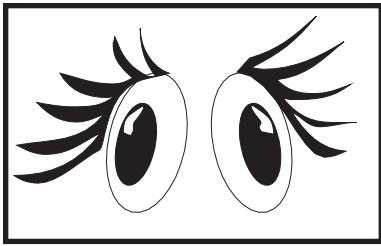
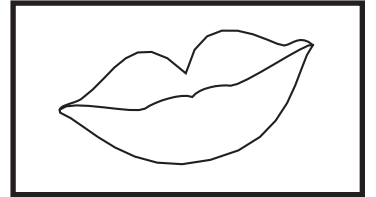
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Jesus *is* transfigured



Matthew 17:1-8

Name _____

1. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus _____ before them (17:2).
2. When Jesus was transfigured, "his face _____ like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the _____" (17:2).
3. Who appeared with Jesus? _____
4. Peter wanted to make Jesus three _____.
5. It was wrong for Peter to want to do this because it made Moses and Elijah _____ with Jesus.
6. In Matthew 17:5, God spoke from heaven and said:
"This is My beloved _____, in whom I am _____.
_____ Him!"
7. How did the disciples react when hearing the Father's voice? _____

God's Holy Presence

"...and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light."

—Matthew 17:2

Have you ever seen God's glory displayed in His creation? Maybe you have seen a blue sky turn into a stormy sky streaked by lightning, or a calm ocean change into crashing waves, or maybe you have seen a quiet black night become illuminated by a brilliant rising moon. Were you amazed? Were you frightened? Were you aware that God was revealing His glory and power?

When Christ was transfigured, God not only revealed His power and glory, He spoke from heaven. Peter, James, and John saw God's glory, heard His voice, and fell on their faces in fear. Do you know why? To find out, unscramble the following:

They realized that they were "FSNULI" _____ men in the presence of "LYHO" _____ God.

Look up the following verses and write down how others responded when they were found in God's holy presence:

John (Rev. 1:17): _____

Isaiah (Isa. 6:5): _____

Ezekiel (Ezek. 1:28): _____

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When Christ was transfigured, God not only revealed His power and glory, He spoke from heaven. Peter, James, and John saw God's glory, heard His voice, and fell on their faces in fear. Do you know why? To find out, unscramble the following:

They realized that they were "FSNULI" _____ men in the presence of "LYHO" _____ God.

Look up the following verses and write down how others responded when they were found in God's holy presence:

John (Rev. 1:17): _____

Isaiah (Isa. 6:5): _____

Ezekiel (Ezek. 1:28): _____

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“And He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.” —Matthew 17:2–3



**“But Jesus came and touched them and said, ‘Arise, and do not be afraid.’
When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.”**

—Matthew 17:7–8

