



# The Transfiguration of the Lord – Feast

## Matthew 17:1-9

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

## Some things to think about...

- In this passage, Peter, James and John saw Jesus transform. How is Jesus described?
- Do you remember another time in the Bible when Jesus is called 'Son of God'?

## Activities

On your Transfiguration poster, write words describing Jesus, both as the Son of God (e.g. divine, powerful) and as fully human (e.g. kind, patient), and write your pledge on how you will follow in his footsteps.

## Teacher's Notes

The Transfiguration of the Lord is significant because it marks the second time God the Father claims Jesus as His son. The first time is at Jesus' Baptism. The experience strengthens the disciples and prepares them for their journey to come.

The presence of Moses and Elijah is an indication for Matthew that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus' transformation represents the resurrection in which Catholics believe one day they will share.

This week's activity explores the call to be Christ-like by reflecting on how we can be more like Jesus in our words and actions.

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# Jesus is...

Write words or phrases to describe  
Jesus e.g. kind, selfless etc.



**I will follow in Jesus'  
footsteps by...**