

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **March 7, 2021** Family Theme | **Jesus Is the Son of God** Study Text | **Matthew 17:1-13**

Objective: Help your children understand that Jesus' hidden glory was revealed at His transfiguration and God the Father affirmed Jesus as His Son. We glorify Him by doing what He says.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: Jesus' transfiguration took place late in His earthly ministry as He began His journey to Jerusalem to die on the cross for our sins. In doing this He would bless all the people of the world just as God had promised Abraham years before in the Old Testament.

Bible Basics: Memorize the names and order of books five, six, seven, and eight of the New Testament (Acts, Romans, and 1 and 2 Corinthians) this week and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: Matthew 17:1-13

Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children or grandchildren about how Jesus' glorious transfiguration revealed that He truly was the Son of God. We are to listen to Him and obey His Word.



Key Truth: Jesus' Transfiguration Revealed His Glory (Matthew 17:1-2)

On this occasion Jesus took only Peter, James, and John up a high mountain near Caesarea Philippi, and allowed them to witness His transfiguration. His outward appearance changed. His natural glory that was part of His being as the Son of God radiated from Him in such a way that others could see it firsthand. We must never get over the fact that Jesus is God wrapped in flesh.



Key Truth: The Father Affirmed Jesus as His Son (Matthew 17:3-8)

As the scene continued to unfold before the "inner three" disciples, Moses and Elijah appeared to them and were speaking with Jesus. Peter requested the opportunity to stay at this mountain for an extended period of time with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Peter did not receive a response from the Lord, but instead saw a cloud overshadowing them and heard a voice speaking from Heaven. God the Father affirmed Jesus as His Son and commanded that we listen to and obey Jesus.

Teach your children or grandchildren that the appearance and interaction of Moses and Elijah with Jesus demonstrate that they live on after their lives here on earth ended. God's Word teaches that this life is not all there is.



Key Truth: Jesus Knew He Would Suffer, Die, and Rise Again (Matthew 17:9-13)

Jesus instructed the three disciples not to tell anyone, even the other disciples, about this event until after He had been raised from the dead. If the word had gotten out that Moses and Elijah had come and that Jesus had been transfigured, it may have incited the Jews to a civil revolt, seeking to make Jesus the King, the long awaited Messiah. The instruction to keep silent revealed that Christ had no intention of setting up an earthly kingdom at that time, but that His mission was ultimately to suffer as the sacrifice for all people. He knew He would suffer like John the Baptist had and that John had fulfilled the prophecy about Elijah. He

also knew He would rise from the dead.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- What happened to Jesus when He was transfigured?
- What can we learn about life after death from the appearance of Moses and Elijah?
- What did God the Father confirm about Jesus when He spoke from the cloud?
- What did the Father instruct Peter, James, and John to do? How does this relate to us today?
- What did Jesus say that revealed He knows the future?
- What should be our response to the transfiguration of Christ?
- **For Elementary:** What did God the Father confirm about Jesus when He spoke from the cloud?
- **For Elementary:** Why did Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration?

Everyday Extras

See if your children can match family baby pictures to the corresponding adults. Talk about how parents and their children often look or act alike. Count how many pictures parents have on their phones of their children. Parents and grandparents are proud of their children. At Jesus' transfiguration, when God allowed the disciples to catch a glimpse of His true glory, God also let them listen in to His words of commendation for His Son. He was proud of His Son and told Him so. This might be a great time to speak a word of blessing on your children too. You may want to plan your words in advance to have more impact, but tell them something that delights you about them and remind them that you love them.

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned God wants us to help others with their burdens through our words, actions, and prayers. He gave us verses in His Word, the Bible, to teach us how to be helpful to others. **The Bible Teaches Me to Be Helpful.**