

# 33. The Transfiguration

## *The Word of the Lord: The New Testament for Young Children*

### Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a) Focus on how the Lord was transfigured. The disciples had seen Him as an “ordinary” man, but now He was so changed. Did Peter still think of Him as a person, equal to Moses and Elijah? Maybe, but when the voice came from heaven, it showed how different He was.
- b) Why did the Lord not want these disciples to tell anyone about this until He had risen from the dead? Perhaps because when He was being crucified, they would have been totally confused. After His resurrection, this picture is more easily understood.
- c) Why Moses and Elijah? Moses was the great leader who wrote the books of Moses, and Elijah was the greatest Old Testament prophet.



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## The Lord Shows How He Looks in Heaven

After six days Jesus took three of His disciples—Peter, James, and John—and He led them up onto a high mountain where they were alone.

And there in front of them, He was changed. His face shone like the sun and His clothes became shining and white as the light.

Then the disciples saw Elijah and Moses. They were talking with Jesus.

And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If You want, let us make three tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

Then, while Peter was speaking, a bright, shining cloud came over them, and a voice came out of the cloud saying, “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him.” And the disciples, hearing the voice, fell on their faces and were very afraid. But Jesus, coming to them, touched them saying, “Get up, and do not be afraid.”

And suddenly, when they looked around, they saw no one except Jesus.

And as they came down the mountain, Jesus commanded them saying, “Tell no one what things you have seen until after the Son of Man has risen from the dead.”

Matthew 17

