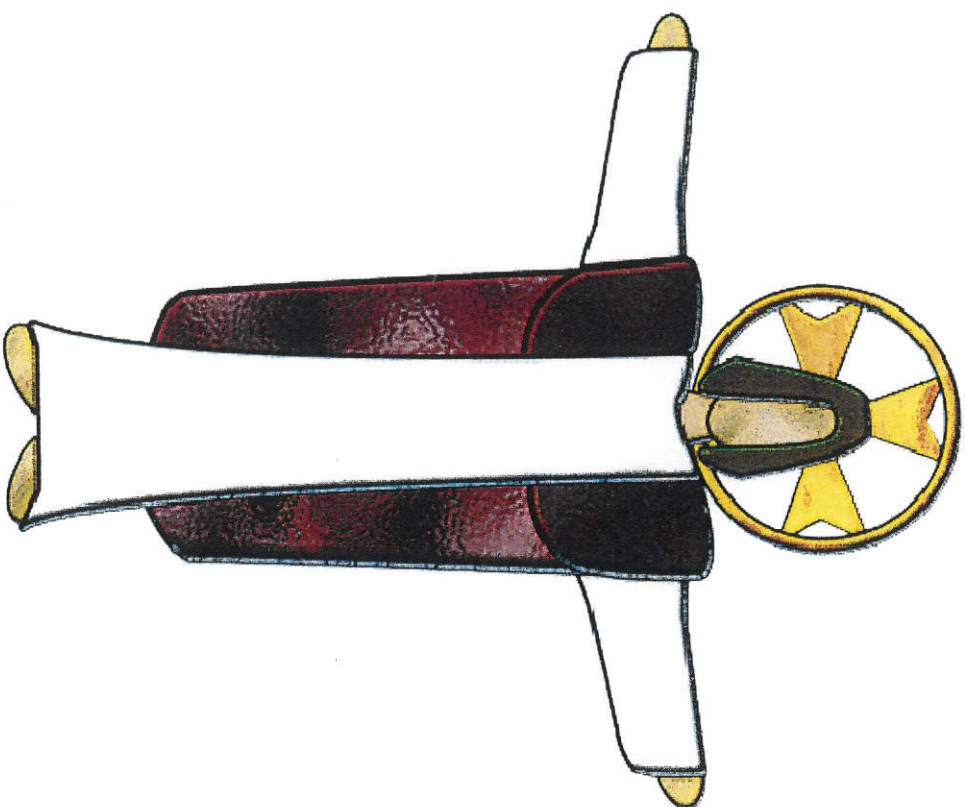


This Week *Westworth Kids* are learning about

'The Transfiguration'



## READ IT

This week's Bible story is

# The Transfiguration

from Matthew 17:1-13.

**Jesus connects what came before to what comes next.**

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Peter
- James
- John
- Elijah
- Vision
- Moses

For other biblical references to transfiguration, see 2 Corinthians 3:18. Paul talks about people being transformed by the divine. In Exodus 34:29, Moses' face shone like the sun.

**Read the whole story together in the Bible!**

Spark Story Bible pages 358-359

Spark Bible page 1079

## Family Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for sending Jesus to teach us despite our confusion and our fear. Lord, we fall before your light and ask for guidance and understanding. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## TALK ABOUT IT

### Family Conversations

- 1 How would you feel and what would you do and say if your teacher's face suddenly shone like the sun and his or her clothes turned snow white?
- 2 What examples of transfiguration can you think of?
- 3 What is the cause and reason of Jesus' transfiguration? Why are Moses and Elijah there?
- 4 Look at the light of a table lamp. Now remove the lampshade and look at the light. It can glare without the shade, but it is dim compared to the sun. Remember, the light of the sun is so strong that you should never look at it directly. Imagine how brightly Jesus' face must have shone to be compared to the light of the sun.



### Eye Spark

Pay attention to all the sources of light around you. Remember Jesus' transfiguration.



### Ear Spark

Notice each time you receive affirmation this week and remember that God was well pleased with Jesus.

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

Pitch a tent in your backyard or make a fort in your house. Crawl in together and pretend you are on the mountain with Jesus, Peter, James, and John.

### For younger kids

Ask if you can play with a flashlight and use it to shine light on different things. Remember light shining from Jesus.

### For older kids

Read up on Elijah. Why was he on the mountain?

# The Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1-13

Be kind to one another.



Jesus, Moses and Elijah  
Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus on the mountain.



# The Transfiguration

Matthew 17:1-13

I am part of a community.

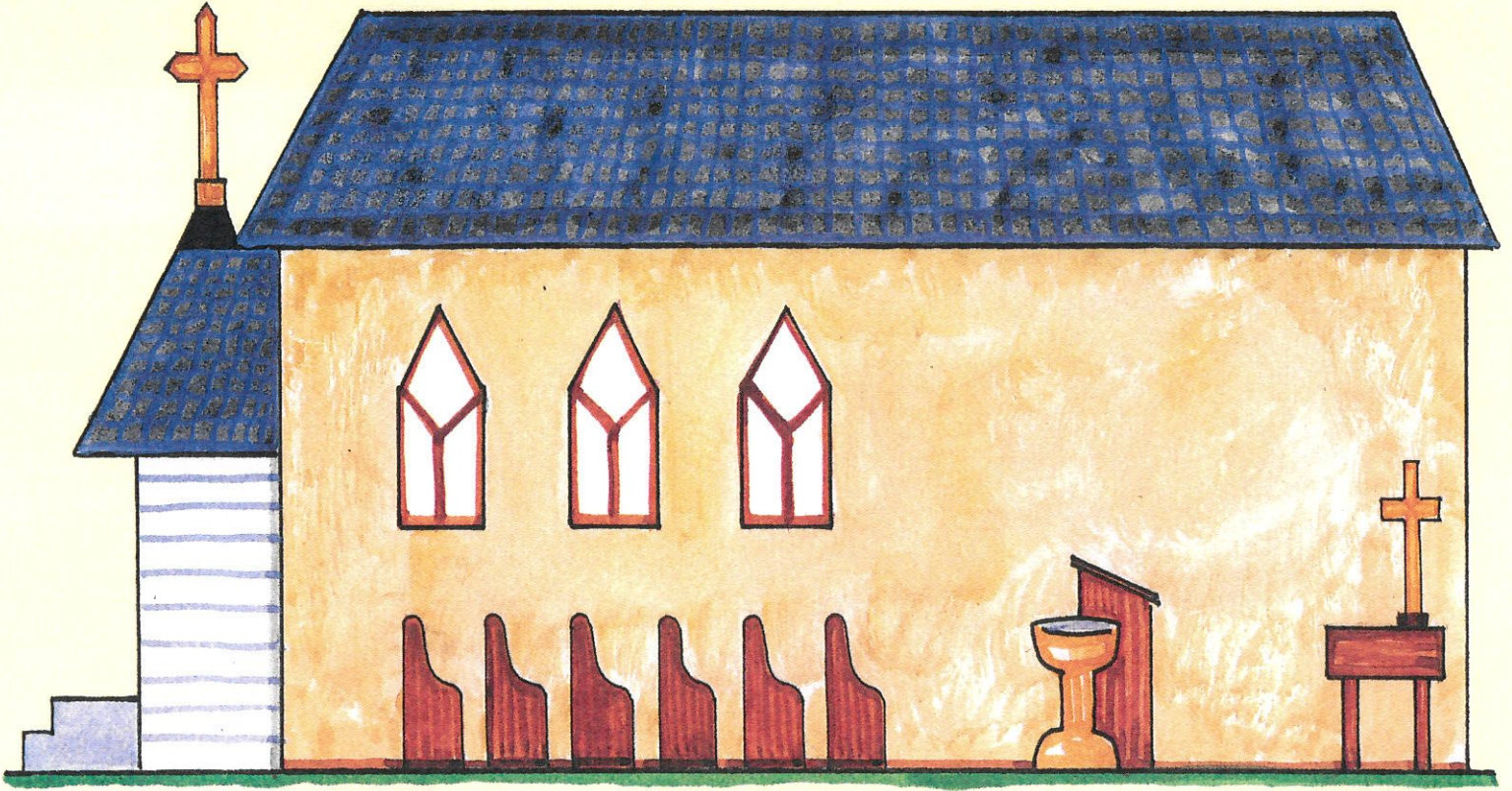
What do you think it was like that day?

Name \_\_\_\_\_



# Our Community of Faith

What does your church community do together?



## I Am Part of a Community

What do you do as part of your church community?

## FAITH on the GO!

Find out about a simple project you could participate in as part of your church community or to help your congregation. Do it together!

# The Transfiguration

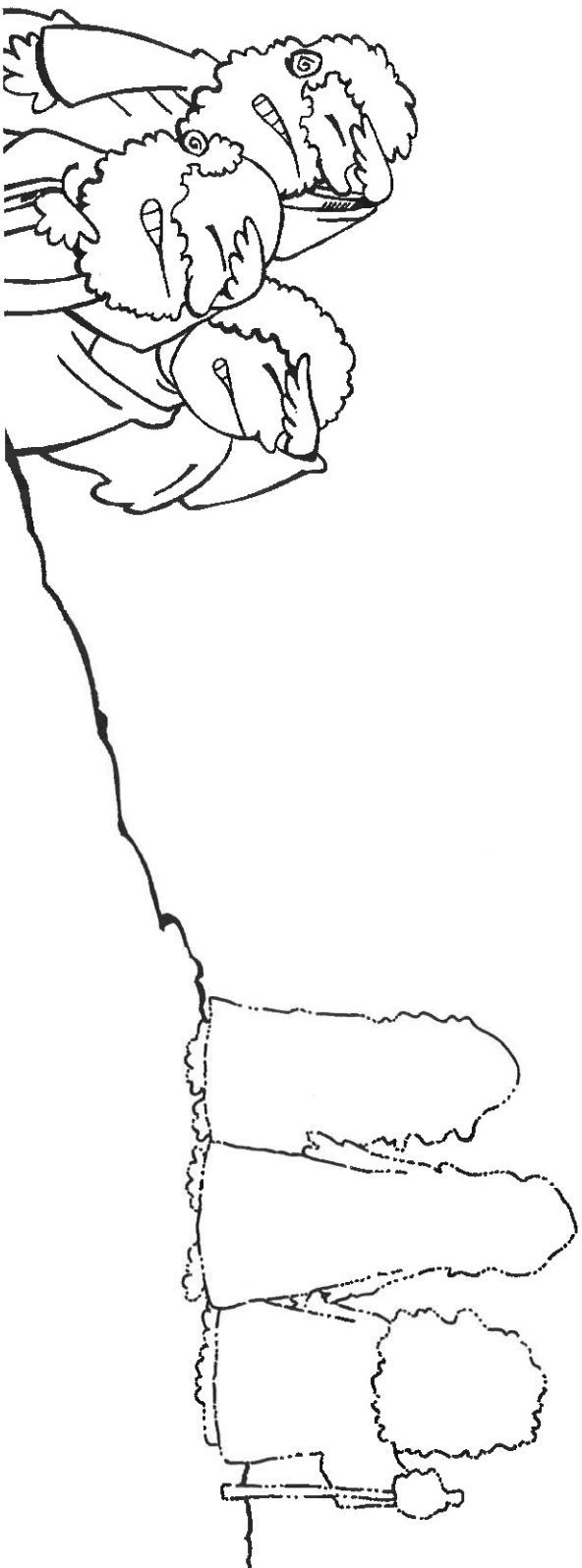


Peter, James, and John couldn't believe their eyes!

# Climbing Codes

When Jesus went up the mountain, something amazing happened! He talked to God, who told him about his job and place in the world. This day has a name. Can you figure out the code to find out the name?

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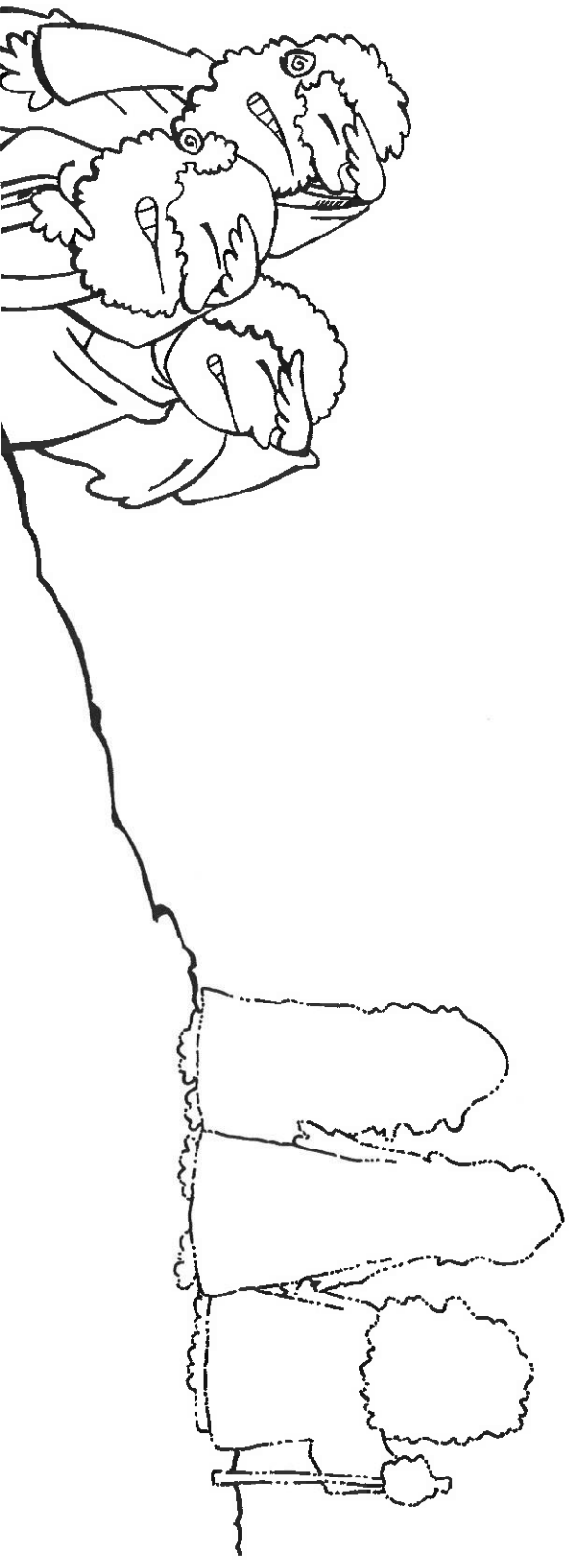


# Climbing Codes Solution

When Jesus went up the mountain, something amazing happened! He talked to God, who told him about his job and place in the world. This day has a name. Can you figure out the code to find out the name?

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# The Transfiguration



Matthew 17:1-13

God's **changes** can be **surprising**.



## I wonder...



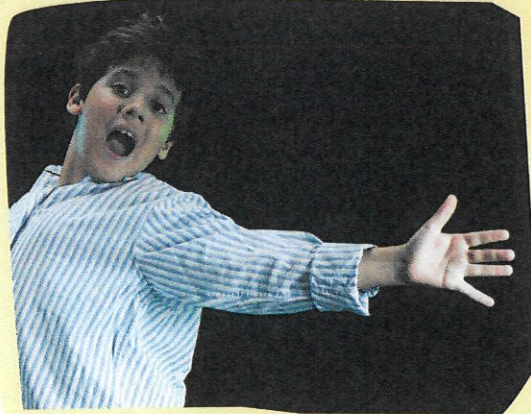
- If it was hard for the disciples to not tell anyone what they saw.
- What God's voice sounds like.
- How the disciples would have made dwellings (tents).

## A Surprising Change

Mrs. Wilson didn't know what to expect when she said she would teach an after-school theater class. She didn't know if kids would join or if they would like it. And she certainly didn't expect Josh to sign up! He was the quietest kid in her class. At least he loved making stuff and was good at art, she thought. She figured Josh would be great at making props and painting backdrops with the rest of the scenery crew. And just as she expected, he was.

What Mrs. Wilson didn't expect was what happened when Josh got up on the stage to stand in for another kid who was sick that day. He belted out all of the lines perfectly, and boy, could he sing! He changed from a quiet kid who didn't talk much to a total ham! It was like he became a totally different person when he got on the stage. Mrs. Wilson found a part for Josh right away.

The day of their performance Mrs. Wilson watched the kids in the audience as they watched Josh. She could tell that they were amazed at what they saw in Josh, too.

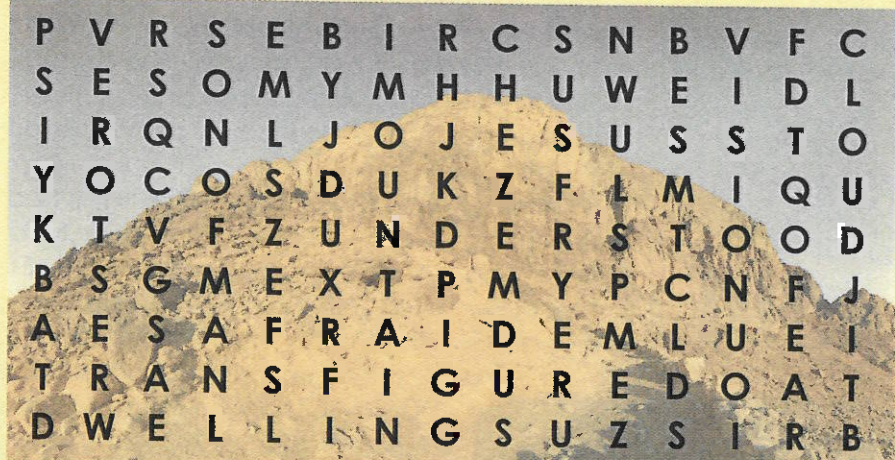


# Story Search

Look up Matthew 17:1-13 to find the answers to the clues. Then find that word in the word search.

## Clues:

1. Where Jesus took Peter, James, and John. \_\_\_\_\_
2. What happened to Jesus. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who appeared with Elijah. \_\_\_\_\_
4. What Peter wanted to make. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where the voice came from. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The disciples were overcome with this. \_\_\_\_\_
7. What Jesus told the disciples not to be. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Who the disciples saw when they looked up. \_\_\_\_\_
9. What Jesus told them not to tell anyone about. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Who said that Elijah must come first. \_\_\_\_\_
11. What Elijah will do to all things. \_\_\_\_\_
12. Who is going to suffer. \_\_\_\_\_
13. What the disciples finally did. \_\_\_\_\_



## Look It Up!

Read the story of God appearing to Moses on Mount Sinai in **Exodus 24**. How many similarities to today's story can you find?



## Memory Verse

This is my Son, the Beloved;  
with him I am well pleased; listen  
to him!  
**Matthew 17:5b**

## Fun Facts

The **highest mountain** in Israel is 9,232 feet (2,814 meters). The highest mountain in North America is Mount McKinley in Alaska. It is 20,320 feet (6,194 meters).

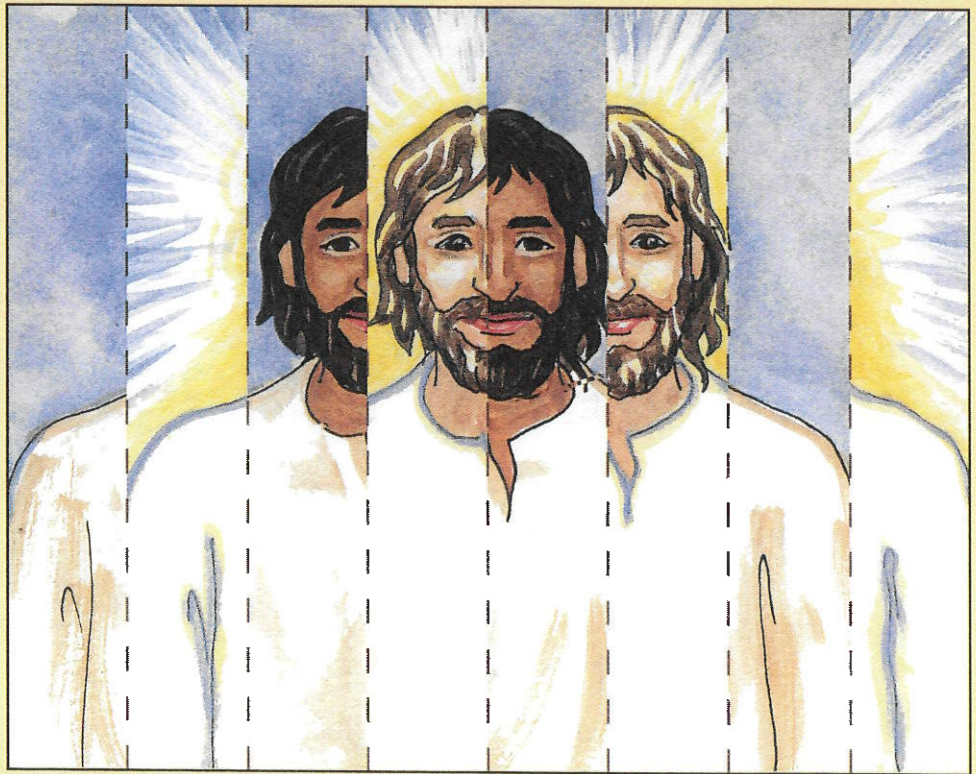
The dictionary defines **transfiguration** as a significant change in form or appearance; a metamorphosis; change that glorifies or exalts.

Butterflies, flies, bees, and frogs go through **metamorphosis**.

**MOSES** was born about 1,400 years before Jesus and lived to be about 900. The only way to make fabric white in Bible times was to let the **sun bleach** it. The name **Elijah** means "my God is truly the Lord."

## Seeing Double

Cut and fold this accordion-style where the pictures change. Look at it from the right, then from the left. Can you see a transfiguration?



The logo features the text "Faith on the Go!" in a white, sans-serif font. "Faith" is on the top line, "on the" is on the second line, and "Go!" is on the third line. The text is set against a red, rounded rectangular background that has a slight 3D effect with a blue and yellow shadow on the left side.

**Faith  
on the Go!**

As a family, **say** the Lord's Prayer as a table grace.

**Draw** a picture of what you think the disciples' faces looked like when they saw Jesus with Elijah and Moses.

**Clean** something so it appears transfigured.

Learn more about what Elijah did by reading 1 Kings 17:8-24. Figure out a way for your family to **help** a widow or widower.

**Reenact** the story with action figures for younger siblings/cousins.

**This is my Son, the  
Beloved; with him  
I am well pleased;  
listen to him!**

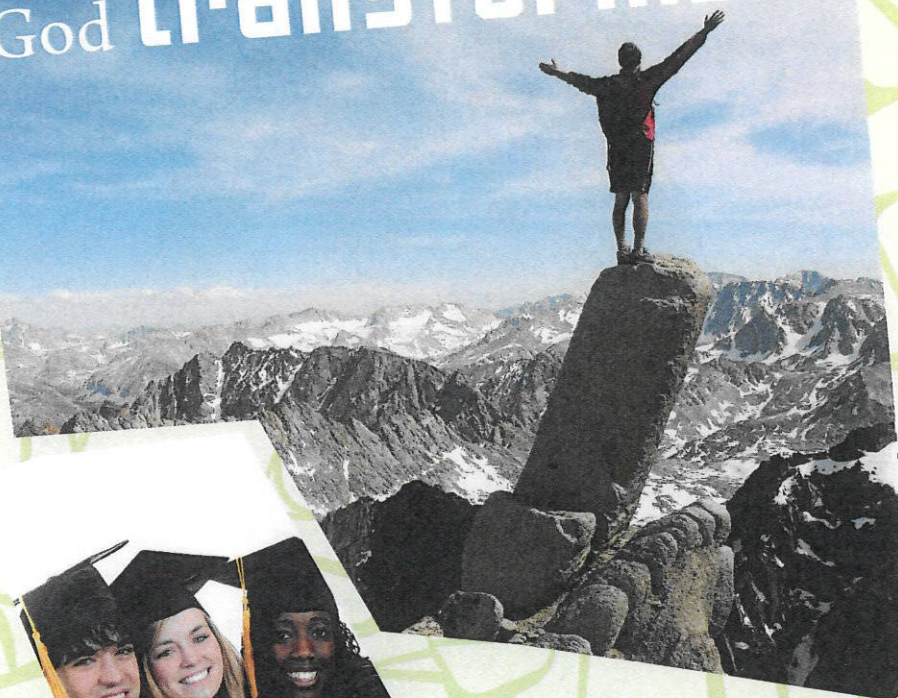
**Matthew 17:5b**

# The Transfiguration



Matthew 17:1-13

God **transforms** us.

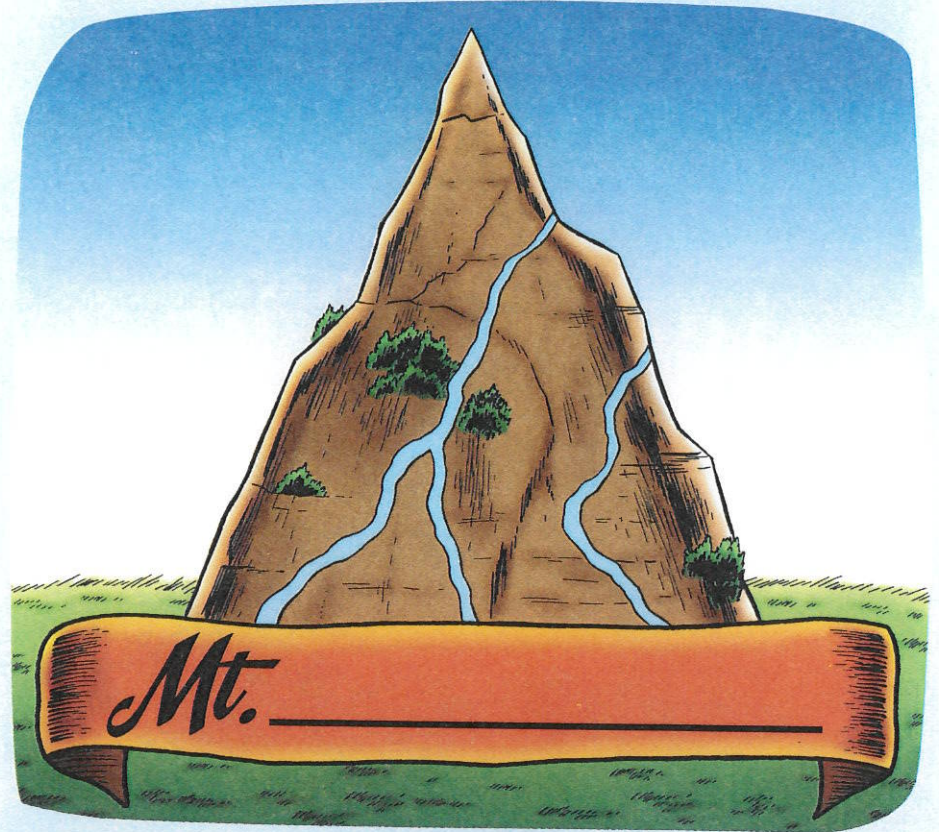


What kind of **change** matters the most?

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# What's Your Mountain?

All of us have moments in life that involve major changes. Think of the biggest turning point in your life so far, and name this mountain after it.



## Up and Down Portraits

and when you came down (after). Were there visible changes? What other ways did you notice a change?

On this same mountain, draw pictures of the person you were when you went up the mountain (before)

## Did You Know?

A British television show called "Doctor Who" is known as one of the longest running shows in history, having started in 1963. The actor in the main role keeps changing when the character regenerates instead of dying.



# Look it Up!

Look at today's story in your Spark Bible. It's the book of **Matthew, chapter 17**.

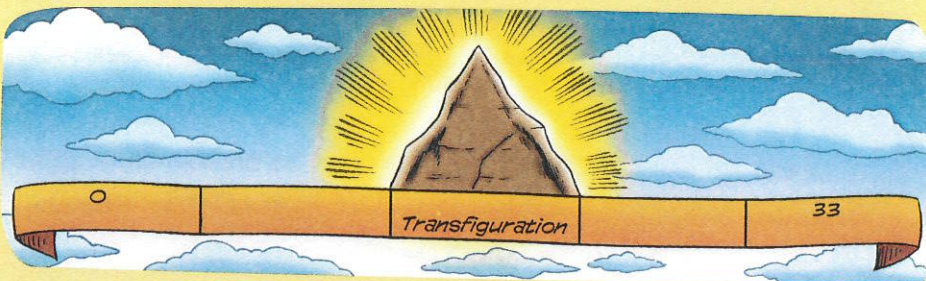
In the right margin there's a note about what a "transfiguration" is. Follow the suggestion to look up **2 Peter 1:16-18** to find out what Peter remembered about this special event.

## A New View of Jesus

Use this timeline to talk about what happened to Jesus before and after the Transfiguration.

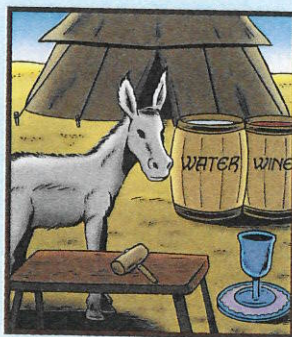
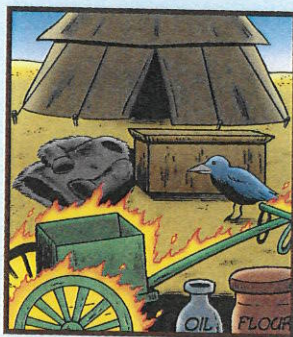
It might be helpful to skim the section titles in your Spark Bibles (for example, today's story is called "The Transfiguration!"). Pick some important moments, and fill them in here. Here are some steps to get you started thinking:

1. Start by skimming the subtitles in **chapters 11-16**. What kind of stuff is Jesus usually doing?
2. Now look at what happened one week before the Transfiguration – read **Matthew 16:21-23**. What becomes clear about Jesus' mission?
3. Now look at **Matthew 17:22-23** (right after the Transfiguration). Sound familiar?
4. Look at one more – **Matthew 20:17-19**. Where is it revealed that Jesus is going?



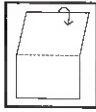
## Tents for Sale

Here are the three tents that the disciples want to build for Moses, Elijah, and Jesus. But whose is whose? Look at some of the details, and write the owner's name above the entrance.

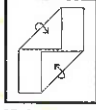


# Don't Spare Change

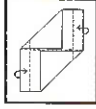
**Follow** these instructions to create an envelope out of a simple sheet of paper. This week, use your envelope to collect any spare change you find, and bring it back as an offering next week. Let your change cause change because of Jesus' change!



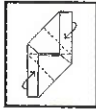
**Step 1:** Fold a piece of copy paper in half and make a sharp crease.



**Step 2:** Fold each corner diagonally to the center crease. Make sure these two creases are sharp!



**Step 3:** Fold each side of the paper to the edge of each triangle.



**Step 4:** Fold in each edge so it matches up to the middle line.



**Step 5:** Tuck the edges into the triangular flaps. Tape the edges. You can now slide coins into the middle line.



**Step 6:** Write SPARE CHANGE on your envelope and start collecting!

## Faith on the Go!



Have a talk with your family about change. Have your family members ever gone through a change that was difficult, but worth it?

Did your parents or guardians ever wrestle with making a change and the effect it would have on you? How did they decide what to do?

## Memory Verse



But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." Matthew 17:7



# Transfigured Designs

The Transfiguration was a very important event in Jesus' life. Peter, James, and John were there. So were Moses and Elijah. Peter said that they could build three dwellings for Moses, Elijah, and Jesus. What do you think a dwelling for each of them could look like? Draw them in the space below!

MOSES

ELIJAH

JESUS