

The Transfiguration

Luke 9:28-45

Grades 1,2,3

Large Group (Where we all meet together and introduce the lesson)

Materials needed - ice cream, pop,

- Greet all the kids as they come in. Ask them how they are doing, and chat with them about their week. Pray together, ask anyone if they have any prayer requests.

- Our memory verse for the month is Matthew 28:19, Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- Play this video while singing along. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZuVMm3EKsSs>

Talk about the word transfiguration.

- Make ice cream floats for the kids. - call it a transfiguration drink
- Give each child a small scoop of ice cream in a cup then pour in some pop.
- Let it fizz and watch how the drink transfigures into something else.

Let's watch [this](#) video together.

Break up into small groups

Review The Story (a chance to review the bible passage with the small group)

Materials needed - Spark Bible, flash light, white sheet

- Greet everyone in your small group, make sure everyone knows each others names. Say a prayer together either by repeating after one of the teachers or just letting them pray.

Read "The Transfiguration" on page 358 in the Spark Bible.

Act out the story

- Build a mountain with the kids
- Choose some people to be Jesus, Peter, John and James. Have them climb the mountain.
- When they get to the top of the mountain shine a light on Jesus' face and have Moses and Elijah appear. Peter, John and James can look amazed.
- Put a white sheet over everyone (this will be the cloud) and let someone say in a loud voice "This is my son, my chosen one: listen to him"

Life Application (an opportunity for kids to apply the lesson to their own lives)

Materials needed - banner paper and markers

Listen to Jesus

- Ask all the kids to find a quiet place in the room.
- Ask them to close their eyes and ask Jesus to speak to them.
- Let them listen to Jesus.
- Ask the kids to come back and see what they heard.

Make a banner

- Write in bubble letters on a banner "listen to Jesus"
- Let the kids colour in the letters and draw different ways that they can listen to Jesus.

Play a game with the kids.

- have two leaders come to the front, one person can be "Jesus" and the other is "not Jesus"
- Have the two leaders shout out commands at the same time like put your hands up, jump up and down etc.
- The trick is, the kids need to try to only listen to Jesus and do the commands He is asking them to do.
- Have a talk with the kids after the game is finished. Everyday we hear lots of different people telling us to do different things, how do we know who to listen to? How can we listen to Jesus all the time?

Memory Verse (a way to introduce and reinforce this months memory verse)

Materials needed - memory verse sheets,

Read through the memory verse with the kids

- As a group make up different actions for the verse.