

## Lesson 11: Moses and Elijah Appear with Jesus Luke 9:28-36

**Youtube Link:** <https://youtu.be/DeYj1p7wGtw>

**Worship Theme:** We need to listen to Jesus.

**Memory Verse:** A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." (Luke 9:35)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Listen, All Little Children <https://youtu.be/ewu6Tfpo5Vo>
2. Our God Is So Strong <https://youtu.be/VvrF94VKKHA>
3. I Enter His Gate <https://youtu.be/WvXL4DtBMdc>

### Pray

**Song:** Select songs from the list above

### Icebreaker: "Listen to God's Word"

1. Divide the children to 2 big groups (Group A & B)
2. Divide Group A into 2 groups, Group A1 & A2, and let Group B stay together in 1 group.
3. Group B stays in the middle of Group A which is divided into 2 groups.
4. Group A1 needs to send a message to Group A2 (ex: Jesus loves you or God bless you) by shouting to Group A2.
5. Group B will make noise to disturb Groups A from hearing each other.
6. Teacher will ask group A2 what they heard. If they have the correct message, then they win the game.
7. Play the same game with Group B.

### Introduction: "Transfiguration"

Write the word "transfiguration" on the board (or print from below) to show the children.



Ask the children what they think the word means. Show a picture of a butterfly and explain how it transforms and changes from a caterpillar to a beautiful butterfly. This is kind of like what "transfiguration" is. Today, we will learn about the transfiguration of Jesus.

### Bible Story:

Today's bible story tells us about a time when Jesus took Peter, John, and James to a mountain to pray. But the three disciples were very sleepy. As Jesus was praying, his face and his clothes became super bright - bright as the flashing lightning! Jesus was clothed in the glory of God because Jesus is the king. We call this "transfiguration" in the bible. Peter, John, and Jame saw the glory of God!

But the story does not end here! Moses and Elijah from the Old Testament came and started to talk to Jesus. The bible says that even they were shining like light. This shows us what we will be wearing when we go to heaven. Our clothes will shine like the light! The disciples could hear Moses and Elijah talk to Jesus about his departure from the earth. Jesus knew that his time to die on the cross was getting closer.

Then a cloud covered everyone on the mountain, and a voice was heard from heaven saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen, listen to him" (Luke 9:35). That was the voice of God! God told these disciples that they should listen to Jesus. What about you? Do you think you should listen to Jesus, too? Jesus is the Son of God who came to die for us so that we can return to our home in heaven. We can only get to God through our faith in Jesus. Let's all listen to Jesus and become his followers!

**Questions to discuss:**

1. Which disciples went to the mountain with Jesus? (Peter, John, and James)
2. Why did Jesus go to the mountain? (to pray)
3. What happened to Jesus while he was praying? (he transformed / he transfigured)
4. Who came from the Old Testament to talk to Jesus? (Moses and Elijah)
5. Why should you listen to Jesus? (God commanded us to listen to Jesus)

**Game: Transform into Animals**

1. Divide the children into groups of 4-5.
2. Ask each group to send one child to the front.
3. The children from each group have to transform themselves into whatever the teacher tells them. For example, if the teacher says "elephant," then the child will try to look like an elephant. The teacher and the children will decide which child was the best in acting like the animal.
4. A new child will come out to continue to play the game.
5. Here are some ideas: lion, mouse, rabbit, snake, bird, dog, cat

**Memory Verse:**

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**Craft: Transfiguration Coloring Page**

Have the students write the memory verse when they are done with coloring.

**Song:** Select songs from the list above

**Pray**

**Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)**

In the bible story today, the sleepy disciples almost missed the "glory of Christ" because they were exhausted (just as in the garden of Gethsemane). What in your life is stealing your energy, distracting you from important things in life? What can you eliminate from your schedule? Select a best time to spend with God so that you can experience the wonderful things of God.



# Transfiguration



**Memory Verse:**