

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus journeys to a mountain with Peter, James, and John in this Sunday's Gospel. While praying, Jesus becomes transfigured. His glory shows through as the ancient Israelite leaders Moses and Elijah speak with him. Then the voice of God tells the Apostles that Jesus is his Son. "Listen to him."

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): This week's lesson teaches that Jesus is God's Son. Talk with your child about your relationship with the Son of God, especially how you hear and listen to him. The class also recorded prayer times. This would be a good week to plan regular prayer times or maybe add to them. Encourage your child to find times to pray to Jesus.

Promise (Grades K-1): This week your child read about what God revealed during the Transfiguration. Ask your child what the voice from the cloud said about Jesus. Check out your child's Prayer Pocket from this week's class. Encourage your child to pray on his or her own as well as with family and friends.

Good News (Grades 2-3): Your child explored who they are by answering eight questions. Ask your child what he or she would shout from a mountaintop? Your child also wrote seven short prayers about what they are thankful for, so be sure to ask what some of those prayers were. Discuss as a family how you listen to Jesus.

Venture (Grades 4-6): In this week's class your child learned about the time of Abraham. He or she also read a story about fifth-graders who wrote chapters about themselves. Share a story from your grade school days. Ask your child to imagine what it must have been like for the Apostles to see the Transfiguration of Jesus. Ask your child to explain the Lord's Prayer, then pray it together as a family. What are the welcoming, healing, and loving signs your family shares with others? Ask your child to teach the "Sacramental Life" game to the family, and play it together.

Visions (Grades 7-8): Listening to the Lord and looking at things from different points of view was how this week's class started. Have your young person describe the story of Kubisa Muzenende. Be sure to ask about Daniel Baguma, a child soldier from Rwanda. How has your family helped people? What is your young person's Lenten Commitment? Pray for his or her success. Maybe incorporate the Psalms into the prayer as the class did this week.

Pray Together

God commanded the Apostles and us to listen to Jesus, his Son. During prayer this week, include some silent time to listen to what God is telling your hearts. Share what each of you heard the Lord saying to you. Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance in following Jesus' teaching in our lives.