

TRANSFIGURATION



MARK 9:2-8

During their travels, Jesus asks the disciples who they think he really is. Jesus' identity, up to this point, has been a mystery. Peter says that Jesus is not a miracle worker, not a healer, not a prophet, but the Messiah. And then Jesus tells his disciples why it's so important to get his identity right: who we say Jesus is determines how we live. If we worship this suffering servant God, then we will also serve and suffer for the cause of Christ in the world.

Later Jesus takes Peter, James and John up on a mountain, where his appearance is suddenly changed. Jesus is "glorified" before the disciples. Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus. God's voice thunders from the clouds and proclaims that Jesus is God's beloved son. And in the very next moment, the noise is gone. Moses and Elijah are gone, too, and so is all the blinding light. All that is left is Jesus.

TALK ABOUT THIS ...

A transformation happens at the end of *Beauty and the Beast*: [youtube.com/watch?v=nfTTiKZemow](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfTTiKZemow)

A different transformation happens in the movie *Shrek*, as true love's kiss restores the ogre Fiona to true love's form: [youtube.com/watch?v=Qc56fUjNb2U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qc56fUjNb2U) start at 2:50

How does the clip from *Shrek* challenge your expectations about love, power and glory? Is Jesus about conventional ideas of love and power? Or does love and power look more humble and gritty, like Fiona's transformation? Can God surprise us, and challenge our ideals and beliefs? How is God challenging the disciples (and us) in this story?



Who do you say Jesus is? What's left after the dazzling light show ends? Draw your vision here.



WONDER

Who do you say that Jesus is?
Is Jesus a conquering hero or a servant?



SURPRISE

How does your opinion about who Jesus is determine how you live? If you think Jesus is about power, will you try to be powerful? If you think Jesus is about serving others, will you try to serve others? Why?



PROGRESS

Do you ever feel like the disciples on the mountain after the light show ended? Is just Jesus, with no bells or whistles, enough? Can we live and love like Jesus even when it doesn't feel exciting?

FAITH5 ... A BEDTIME ROUTINE FOR FAMILIES

SHARE your highs and lows from the day. READ the Bible story. TALK about how the Bible story relates to your highs and lows. PRAY for one another's highs and lows, and BLESS one another.

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