

Year C - Second Sunday of Lent

Luke 9:28-36

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.



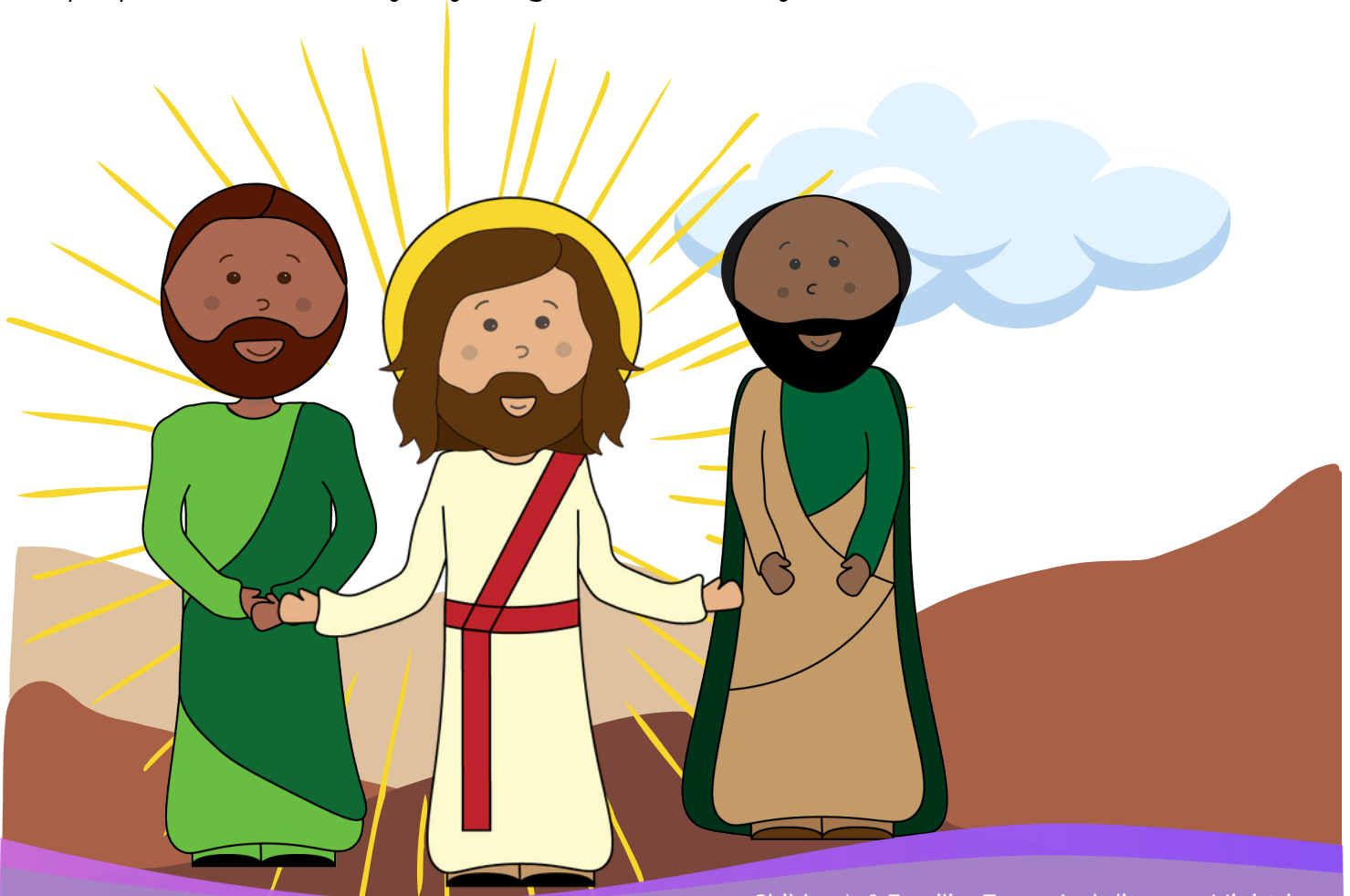
About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James with him and went up on a mountain to pray. While he was praying, his face changed, and his clothes became shining white. Suddenly Moses and Elijah were there speaking with him. They appeared in heavenly glory and talked about all that Jesus' death in Jerusalem would mean.

Peter and the other two disciples had been sound asleep. All at once they woke up and saw how glorious Jesus was. They also saw the two men who were with him.

Moses and Elijah were about to leave, when Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here! Let us make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But Peter did not know what he was talking about.

While Peter was still speaking, a shadow from a cloud passed over them, and they were frightened as the cloud covered them. From the cloud a voice spoke, "This is my chosen Son. Listen to what he says!"

After the voice had spoken, Peter, John, and James saw only Jesus. For some time they kept quiet and did not say anything about what they had seen



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Jesus shines like the sun!



Message

- In the gospel, we hear how Jesus allowed his closest friends to glimpse the power and brilliance of God's glory. Jesus took his friends Peter, James and John up a steep mountain where they could be alone to pray. As he prayed to God, Jesus appeared to change – his face and clothes shone brilliantly like the sun and dazzled his friends.
- This reading is traditionally called 'the transfiguration'. This means that Jesus' appearance changed as his face and clothes shone like the sun. These rays of light were a glimpse of God's glory and power.
- Just as light chases away the darkness so that we can see, the light shining out from Jesus that day on the mountain made the disciples see that he was, indeed, the Son of God.
- The disciples lives were touched by the brilliance of God's power and love, and they were filled with the light of faith.
- Through prayer and the sacraments we, too, are filled with the light of faith.

Discussion questions

- Why did Jesus go up the mountain?
- What happened while Jesus was praying?
- What did the light shining from Jesus' clothes and face show Peter, James, and John?
- What was the message Peter, James, and John heard from God?
- How do you hear Jesus?
- How can you come closer to God?

