

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Mark

LESSON 30

**ON THE MOUNTAIN
WITH JESUS**

MARK 9:2-10

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Younger Verse

“This is my Son (Jesus) whom I love. Listen to Him!” Mark 9:7

Older Verse

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Lesson Goals

Learn that Jesus took Peter, James, and John on a mountain to be with Him
Recognize that Jesus revealed His glory to these men
Understand that God confirmed that Jesus was His Son

Opener

Have you ever wondered what Jesus looks like? How do you think He looks? 2000 years ago, the disciples and the people got to see Him everyday. One day, three of the disciples got to see Jesus in a very special way. Listen to find out what happened.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Last week we learned that Peter told Jesus that He was the Christ. Then Jesus shared with the disciples what would happen to Him later. He told them that He would die and then come back to life.

Six days had passed and Jesus wanted to take some of the disciples on a trip. He asked Peter, James, and John to come with Him. He led them up to a high mountain. Why do you think Jesus brought them up there?

Suddenly something amazing happened. Jesus' clothes became extremely bright white. The Bible says Jesus' clothes were whiter than anyone could ever bleach them! Why do you think Jesus' clothes changed color? Jesus was giving His friends a chance to see something very special. He was showing them how He would look up in Heaven. This was amazing because they had always seen Jesus as an ordinary person that dressed, ate, and slept just like them. Now they were getting to see Him in a completely different way. How do you think they felt?

Not only did they see Jesus as He would look in Heaven, but they also got to see two other special people. In the Old Testament, we can read about two people named Moses and Elijah. Both of them loved God very much. God used Moses to help the people know what laws and rules He wanted them to live by. God used Elijah to do many miracles and help the people to know who He was. The disciples would have known both of them. Elijah, Moses, and Jesus were talking with each other.

Peter looked at Jesus and said, “Teacher, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three places for each of you to stay.” But then a cloud appeared and surrounded them. They

heard God's voice saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!"

God Himself told the disciples that Jesus was God's Son! This was exciting. Not only did they get to see Jesus as He would look in Heaven, but they got to hear God's voice.

They looked around and suddenly they only saw Jesus. Moses and Elijah had disappeared. They headed down the mountain, and on the way, Jesus ordered them not to talk to anybody about what they had seen. He told them to wait until He had risen from the dead.

It is important to see in this story that Jesus is more than just a man. He is God's Son. He came to live on earth as a man so that we could learn from His example. He made a huge sacrifice by leaving Heaven. He did not have to leave Heaven. He could have stayed there. But He chose to come here to show us how to live in a way that is pleasing to God.

Jesus also made another huge sacrifice. He told the disciples that He would die, and He really did. He did not deserve to die. He died because He knew that we would not be able to be with Him in Heaven. Our sins keep us from getting to Heaven. He also told His disciples that He would come back to life. He did! When He came back to life, that made it possible for anyone who believes in Him to be able to live with Him in Heaven. Then we will get to see Jesus and hear God's voice just like the disciples did. If you have never let Jesus be part of your life, please talk with me before you leave.

Review Questions

1. Which three disciples did Jesus take with Him on the mountain? (Peter, James, and John)
2. What happened to Jesus while they were on the mountain? (His face and clothes became very bright, like the sun)
3. What two Old Testament men appeared with Jesus on the mountain? (Moses and Elijah)
4. What did God say about Jesus? ("This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!")

Prayer Time

Thank God that He sent Jesus from Heaven to earth to save us. Pray that we will have the faith to know who Jesus is and share our faith with others.

Life Application

Jesus and the three disciples with Him did not stay on the mountain. Eventually, they came back down to be with the other disciples. They continued traveling, and Jesus healed, taught and served. Finally, He died on the cross and rose again.

Sometimes, we have great moments with God. We feel His presence and experience His glory. We want those moments to last forever! But they don't. Eventually, we have to come down from the "mountaintop experience" and continue with our lives. But the time we have spent with God helps us to continue to do His will and obey Him.

When we experience those special times with God, He is reminding us of Heaven. If we have accepted Him into our hearts, we can look forward to being with Him forever! We won't have to leave His presence. That is good news. Let's share it!

Planning for Lesson 31
Jesus Heals a Boy with an Evil Spirit
Mark 9:14-32

Preschool Lesson for On the Mountain with Jesus

Hey, boys and girls! Have you ever changed clothes because you were going somewhere different? Maybe you had shorts on and you needed to put on jeans or pants. Today we are going to learn about a time that Jesus' appearance changed.

Jesus wanted to take His friends Peter, James, and John, on a trip. They begin to make their way up a tall mountain. When they reached the top, the four of them were all alone. Suddenly, something very special happened. Jesus began to look very different. The clothes He had been wearing became very, very white. Jesus looked like He would up in Heaven. How do you think Peter, James, and John felt?

Also, two very special people suddenly appeared next to Jesus. Their names were Moses and Elijah. They had been alive many, many years before Peter, James, and John were alive. They loved God very much and helped others to know about God. Elijah, Moses, and Jesus were all talking with each other. What do you think they were talking about?

Peter said to Jesus, "We like being here, Jesus. We can put up places for Elijah, Moses, and You to sleep." Does this sound like a good idea?

As nice as that was for Peter to offer, God had a different plan. When they looked up, a cloud had gathered all around them. Then God spoke to them, "Jesus is my Son and I love Him. Listen to what He says!" Wow, they got to see Jesus in a very special way and hear God's voice! They must have had an amazing time! Just as quickly as it had happened, Moses and Elijah disappeared. Only Jesus remained in front of them.

They headed back down the mountain. Jesus told them not to talk about what they had seen. He wanted them to wait until a certain thing happened. What do you think Jesus wanted them to wait for? He wanted them to wait until He had come back to life.

Why did Jesus come back to life? He died on the cross, and then three days later, rose back from the dead. Jesus died and came back to life so that everybody could have a way to be with Him in heaven.

If you have asked Jesus to clean out your heart of all the bad things you have done, then you can know for sure that you will be in Heaven one day. Jesus taught many things, and just like God reminded Peter, James, and John to listen, it is important for us to remember to listen, too. What Jesus taught helps us to know how to be just like Him so that other people can know about Him, too.

Hands-on Activities for On the Mountain with Jesus

Bring playdough or clay and have the kids make a “mountain.” Bring gummy bears, stick pretzels or other treats to represent Jesus and Peter, James and John. Also add two for Moses and Elijah if desired. Then quickly take them off to remember how they suddenly disappeared.

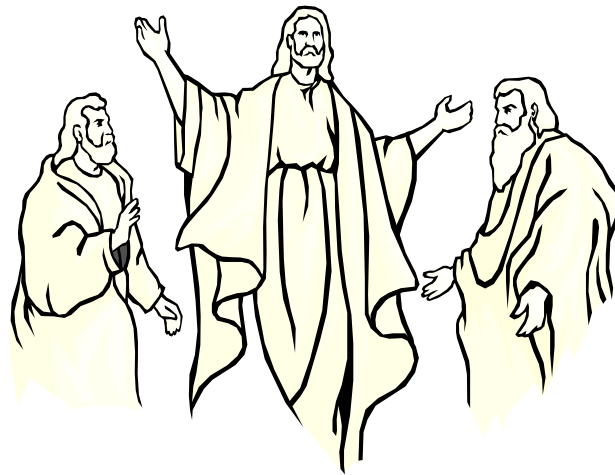
The Bible says that in Heaven we will not need the sun, because Jesus will be our Light. Find a sun picture or have kids draw and color the sun. Then have them write “Jesus is our Light” in the center of the sun.

God came down in a cloud and spoke to the disciples. Bring cotton balls and make “clouds” by gluing them to construction paper in the shape of a cloud.

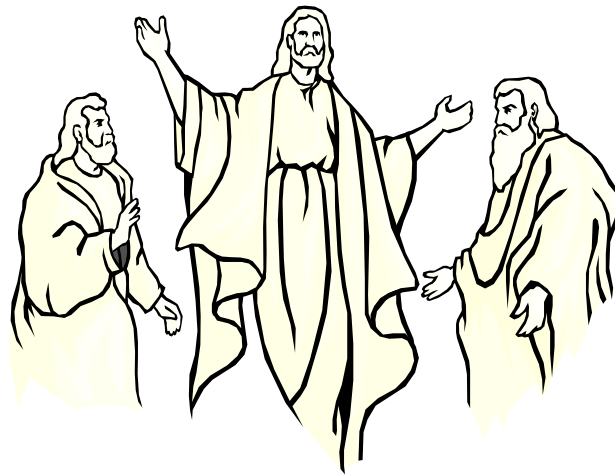
“God’s Glory Collage” - Bring nature magazines. Have kids look for beautiful pictures of God’s creation—especially mountain scenes. Talk about how God shows us His glory through the beauty of His creation.

Jesus became very “shiny.” Have the kids draw a picture of Jesus. Bring glitter and have them glue it to Jesus’ clothes.

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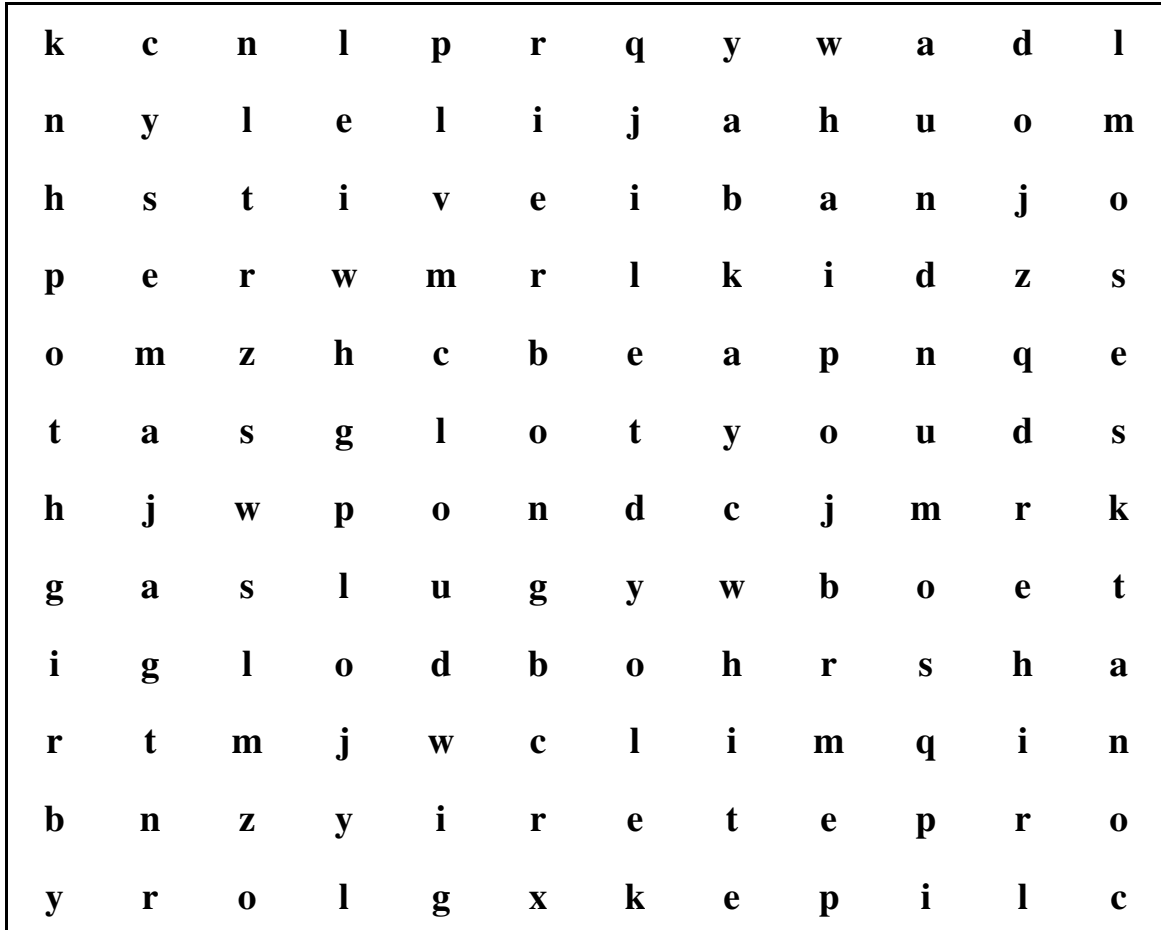


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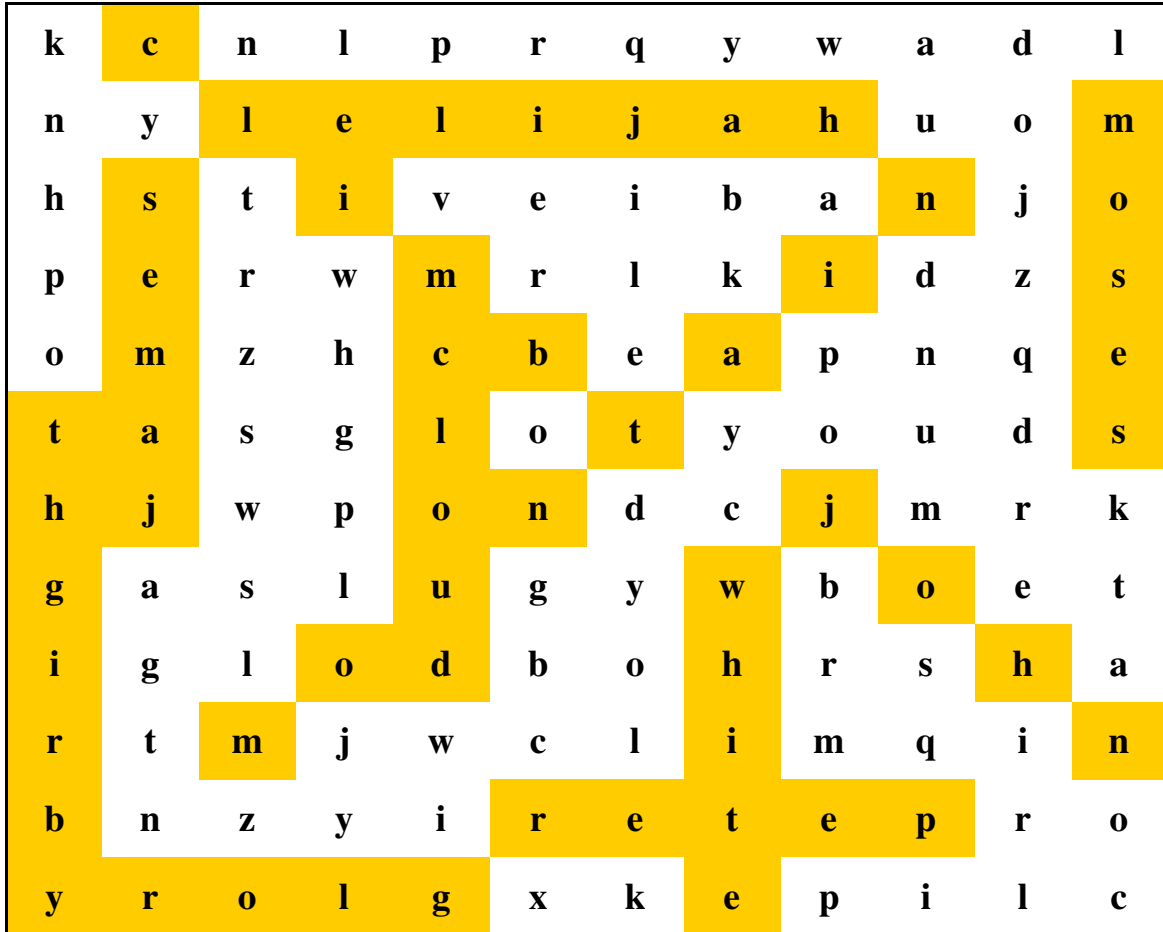
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