



2011

# **Go And Make Disciples**

**The Cross and Beyond**

## **Lesson 37: Jesus is Changed**

**Scripture**

Matthew 17:1-13  
 Mark 9:2-13  
 Luke 9:28-36  
 2 Peter 1:12-21

**Memory Verse**

No one is like You,  
 LORD; You are  
 great, and Your  
 name is mighty in  
 power.  
 Jeremiah 10:6 (NIV)

**Lesson Goals**

Understand that  
 Jesus is God's Son.

Understand that  
 Jesus knew He was  
 about to die on the  
 cross.

Understand that  
 God was pleased  
 with Jesus and we  
 are to listen to Him.

The following is a summary of the Bible story to help supplement your preparation. In your personal study time, use this summary as a guide, and make notes to help you remember your plans for the lesson. Please do **NOT** read to the children.

About a week after Jesus and His disciples talked about who He is, Jesus took three of those disciples with Him and they went up a high mountain. The three disciples that Jesus took were Peter, James and John. You see, there were a lot of people who followed Jesus even after those who thought His teachings were difficult decided not to follow Him anymore. Of all of those people, Jesus had chosen twelve to specifically follow Him and learn from Him. Of those twelve, there were times when Jesus chose to spend time just with Peter, James and John. It's not that they were better than everyone else; Jesus pulled them aside for extra teaching or to see something special. Only Jesus really knows why.

Jesus was alone on the mountain with Peter, James and John. While He was praying, "there in front of them His appearance changed. His face shone like the sun" and his clothes "were whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them!" (Matthew 17:2, Mark 9:3 NIV) Then, two men appeared with Him. They were Moses and Elijah. Moses had received the law, the ten commandments and other rules, from God. God had also used Moses to free the Hebrew people from slavery. Elijah was a prophet of God. He had been on Mt. Carmel when God sent down fire from heaven in answer to Elijah's prayers.

Jesus talked with Moses and Elijah. "They spoke about His coming death. He was going to die soon in Jerusalem." (Luke 9:31b NIV)

Seeing Jesus changed the way He was had been pretty exciting! Then Moses and Elijah had appeared. Peter didn't want this moment to end. Peter was glad to be right where he was and didn't want to leave. He even offered to build a place each for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. But you see, Moses and Elijah were, by then, citizens of heaven. They didn't need a place on earth to stay; this earth was no longer their home. And Jesus had just been talking with the two men about His death. It couldn't be postponed.

While Peter was still talking about staying on the mountain top, "a bright cloud surrounded them. A voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, and I love Him. I am very pleased with Him. Listen to Him!'" (Matthew 17:5 NIV) Who do you think that could have been? It was God, of course.

When the disciples heard God's voice in the cloud, they were scared to death! They fell face first on the ground. Before sin entered the world, God and man had talked as friends. But ever since the fall, when man chose His own way over God's, the voice of God has terrified those who

### Application

Our memory verse says, "No one is like You, LORD; You are great, and Your name is mighty in power. (Jeremiah 10:6 NIV)

Do you believe that God is a great God, a powerful and mighty God? He is the creator of heaven and earth. This God, who created great and mighty things, cares for you. That is why He sent Jesus.

Do you know that Jesus came from heaven to earth to pay the penalty that your sin deserves? He did. Will you accept the gift of eternal life that He freely offers to you?

If you have already accepted that amazing gift, are you listening to the One you have chosen to follow? Will you commit to listen and obey?

hear it.\* But Jesus comforted His disciples. He touched them and told them to get up. He told them not to be afraid. When they looked up, they were alone with Jesus again.

And even though Peter had wanted to stay on the mountain where things were wonderful and where God spoke, they needed to go back down the mountain. On the way down, Jesus asked them not to tell anyone about what they had seen, at least not until He was raised from the dead. They didn't really understand what Jesus meant about rising from the dead, but they agreed to keep the matter to themselves.

Then they asked Jesus about some things they had heard about the prophet Elijah. "Then they asked Jesus, 'Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah has to come first?'" (Mark 9:11 NIV) Jesus told them that it was true, that Elijah had to come first, but Jesus said that he had already come. Elijah had lived many years ago, but someone had just lived that had the same kind of spirit that Elijah had. That someone was John the Baptist. He came to make things right, to turn the heart of fathers back to their children. But the teachers of the law who said Elijah had to come back, had missed it all. They made John the Baptist suffer. And Jesus said they were going to make Him suffer in the same way. Nothing that happened to Jesus in His suffering or death caught Him by surprise.

\*Henry, Matthew. "Commentary on Matthew 17." . Blue Letter Bible. 1 Mar 1996. 2011. 2 Sep 2011.

[http://www.lueletterbible.org/commentaries/comm\\_view.cfm?AuthorID=4&contentID=1612&commInfo=5&topic=Matthew&ar=Mat\\_17\\_5](http://www.lueletterbible.org/commentaries/comm_view.cfm?AuthorID=4&contentID=1612&commInfo=5&topic=Matthew&ar=Mat_17_5)

### Preparing for the Next Lesson

Faith



# Preschool Lesson

## Teachers:

Bring a bright light and shiny, white fabric.

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## Activities

- Memory Verse Activity - Make large, gilded memory verse posters that represent the greatness of God. Review the memory verse as students are creating their posters. Talk about some of the names of God that they know.
- Encourage your students to fill out the journal/note page found on page 8. This can be used during the story to help focus your students or after the story as a review.
- Bring marshmallows for a snack today. Talk about the cloud covering on the mountain as God spoke.
- Reenact the lesson.
- Sing “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High,” “How Great is Our God,” “Our God,” “Mighty to Save,” “How Great Thou Art,” or another song related to the lesson.
- Find Caesarea Philippi and the Sea of Galilee on a map of Israel. These are the last known areas of Jesus and His disciples. Look for any mountains in the area.
- Talk about Peter’s response to what he saw on the mountain top. Discuss moments with God that your students remember vividly. Encourage them to share how they responded when confronted with the need to return to “the real world.”
- Dig Deeper: Read 2 Peter 1:12-21. Discuss the verses in light of the lesson.
- Dig Deeper: Read about Moses and Elijah.  
Moses - Exodus 2-3, 11-12, 19-20, Hebrews 11:23-28  
Elijah - 1 Kings 18, James 5:16-20

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Trace the letters.

SAY NO

TO

SELF

# Focus on the Story

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**Story Title:**

**Scripture References:**

**Main Characters:**

**Story Summary:**

When?

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Where?

What?

How?





# Word Search

K Y O D R W O S U L W N R F M  
C H J E N G O D S M O R K O Y  
E E E I O H E E N I N I R R T  
V W S F L N I R S G D K V E N  
G T O B E O I E V H I N T K Y  
E I S R C O G W T T A S R A L  
S T E M A N R U O Y S I Y M P  
R S T P I E Y N L I U L D E I  
U O I E T U C A V N O V A H T  
O D T V P P R S R P H E Y T L  
Y P S A D R O L U O Y E K I L  
L S I H K R E S M W H F L I M  
T N E S S A H E H E N O E H T  
O G Y O U A R E G R E A T H W  
M L O Y V E P L E H Y M S H F

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E I S R C O G W T T A S R A L  
S T E M A N R U O Y S I Y M P  
R S T P I E Y N L I U L D E I  
U O I E T U C A V N O V A H T  
O D T V P P R S R P H E Y T L  
Y P S A D R O L U O Y E K I L  
L S I H K R E S M W H F L I M  
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H A P E M J E S U S W S  
B P E T E R W D E S U S  
J A W O M H E A S Y L S  
E V D I M O S E S R S S  
S T R U L T I F L Y R E  
D W A L B C H R I S T D  
M E L I J A H T E R T S  
D S E R E G T E R R B N  
L C A E L R E N E R S J  
H S O N O F G J O H N T

JESUS

PETER

JAMES

JOHN

ELIJAH

MOSES



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E I V A T S O Y S C N D  
H A P E M J E S U S W S  
B P E T E R W D E S U S  
J A W O M H E A S Y L S  
E V D I M O S E S R S S  
S T R U L T I F L Y R E  
D W A L B C H R I S T D  
M E L I J A H T E R T S  
D S E R E G T E R R B N  
L C A E L R E N E R S J  
H S O N O F G J O H N T

JESUS

PETER

JAMES

JOHN

ELIJAH

MOSES