



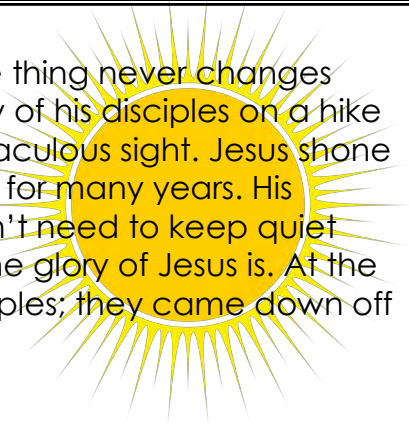
Sunday, February 27, 2022  
 \* The Transfiguration \*  
 Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)



## What's the Big Idea?

### God's Love Changes Us!

The transfiguration story is about Jesus changing. But don't worry, one thing never changes about Jesus. Jesus always loves us! As the story goes, Jesus took a few of his disciples on a hike up a mountain. At the top of the mountain, they were met with a miraculous sight. Jesus shone as bright as the sun and he spoke to prophets who hadn't been alive for many years. His disciples were so shocked that they kept quiet for a while. But we don't need to keep quiet about Jesus. We can sing, shout, tell about, or show how wonderful the glory of Jesus is. At the end of the story, Jesus was the same, but life was different for his disciples; they came down off the mountain changed.



What does **transfiguration** mean?

**Trans** has several meanings, but one of them is to change or have changed from one thing to another. Take the word, transaction for example. Money changes hands from the buyer to the seller. **Figure** means a form or a shape.

When you put the two together, you get a word that means a figure that has changed shape or form.

### Read It

Find this week's story on pages 358-359 of your Spark Story Bible.

Where do you see Squiggles this week?



### Try It

The word "transfiguration" means to change form. Using playdough, experiment with making different shapes and watch how your lump of playdough takes on several different forms! You can even make your own playdough at home!

**Ingredients:**

- 1 C all-purpose flour
- 1 C water
- 2 tsp cream of tartar
- 1/3 C salt
- 1 Tbl vegetable oil
- Food coloring

See the backside for instructions!



### Talk About It

- 1) What does a mountain look like?
- 2) Have you ever climbed a mountain or had a mountaintop experience? How did it feel afterward?
- 3) What do you think God's voice sounds like?
- 4) Try out different ways of saying, "This is my Son. Listen to him!" How do you think God said that? Gentle, quiet voice? Big, booming voice? Try it different ways and see what seems right.

**Pray:** God, your love changes us...From sadness to gladness...From tears to smiles...From grabbing to giving...From troublemaker to peacemaker...From plain to shiny, all because you sent your Son Jesus for each and every one of us! Amen.

### Memorize It

**And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.**

Luke 9:29

# God's Love Changes Us

Transfigure (change) these names from the story of Jesus' transfiguration. Each name is missing all of its vowels. Can you tell who is who? (The number in parentheses will help you figure out how many vowels to put back in.)

**PTR (2)** \_\_\_\_\_

**JHN (1)** \_\_\_\_\_

**JMS (2)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**LJH (3)** \_\_\_\_\_

## Playdough Instructions

- 1) Mix together all the ingredients in a 2-quart saucepan.
- 2) Cook over low/medium heat, stirring.
- 3) Continue stirring until the mixture is thickened and begins to gather around the spoon.
- 4) Remove the dough onto wax paper or a plate to cool.

Notes: Cool completely before storing in a ziplock bag or sealed container.

Answers: Peter, John, James, Jesus, Moses, Elijah

Look at a cloud in the sky. Imagine hearing God's voice coming from it. What is God saying to you?

The disciples couldn't believe their eyes!

