

# Gospel Activity for The Transfiguration



**Read:** Mark 9:2-10

**Prayer:** Let us pray. God in Heaven, today we have seen that your love shines out in Jesus, your Son. May we not keep this love to ourselves, but pass it on to everyone we meet. So help us, God our Creator, through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Make:** As family make your own picture of The Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain.

## Materials

- 2 copies of Transfiguration color page
- 1 sheet of white cardstock
- 1 sheet of black, gray, or brown construction paper
- 1 popsicle stick
- 1 scrap piece of shiny scrapbook

## Tools

- Printer
- Scissors
- Gluestick
- Crayons

## Instructions - Part 1

1. With the cardstock, cut a two-humped curve that goes from just above the bottom corner of one side of the page across horizontally to the opposite side, top corner. This will create two mountains for Jesus to climb
2. Gently bend one piece of the now cut cardstock in half. Make a small cut about 3/4" below the hilly edge.
3. Unbend the mountain cutout, insert your scissors into the small cut you just made, and create a cut line following the line of the hill so that Jesus on a popsicle stick (see below) can walk up the mountain.
4. With the printout of the coloring page in hand, cut around each person in the Gospel reading. You don't have to follow detailed edges on any drawing, just a loose shape around them will do.
5. With the scrap of shiny wrapping paper, preferably some shade of white, make a little garment shape that will cover your Jesus printout.

## Instructions - Part 2

1. Give each child a glue stick, a mountain, and a sheet of the construction paper.
2. Show kids how to tear the paper into "rocks" and glue them onto the mountain. Double check as needed that they're not gluing Jesus' walking path shut.
3. While the mountains are drying, hand one copy of each cutout person in the reading to every child with a handful of crayons. Give the name of each person as you pass them out.
4. Once the people cutouts are colored, show kids how and where to glue them onto their mountains. Moses and Elijah need to be at the top of the mountain, and the Apostles should be somewhere near the bottom.
5. Now that only Jesus remains, let the kids attach one copy of him with glue or tape to a popsicle stick. Attach the duplicate copy to the other side. Glue on the shiny white garment.
6. Show the group how to insert Jesus in the walking slot and move him up and down the mountain. When he comes back down, turn him around to his shiny, transfigured side.
7. As you reread the Gospel to them, kids can listen for the movements of Jesus and illustrate it with their mountain craft. It's a good way to keep them focused on the story, even if you don't have a Bible with pictures.

