

Gospel Grams

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN



JESUS' DISCIPLES GET A MOUNTAINTOP SURPRISE

(*Mount Hermon, Syria*) — Peter, James and John, three of Jesus' closest disciples, got a surprise when Jesus took them up a mountain with him. Maybe the disciples thought they were going up to pray, since Jesus sometimes did that on a hillside. Or maybe they thought he wanted to teach them some more about God's kingdom.

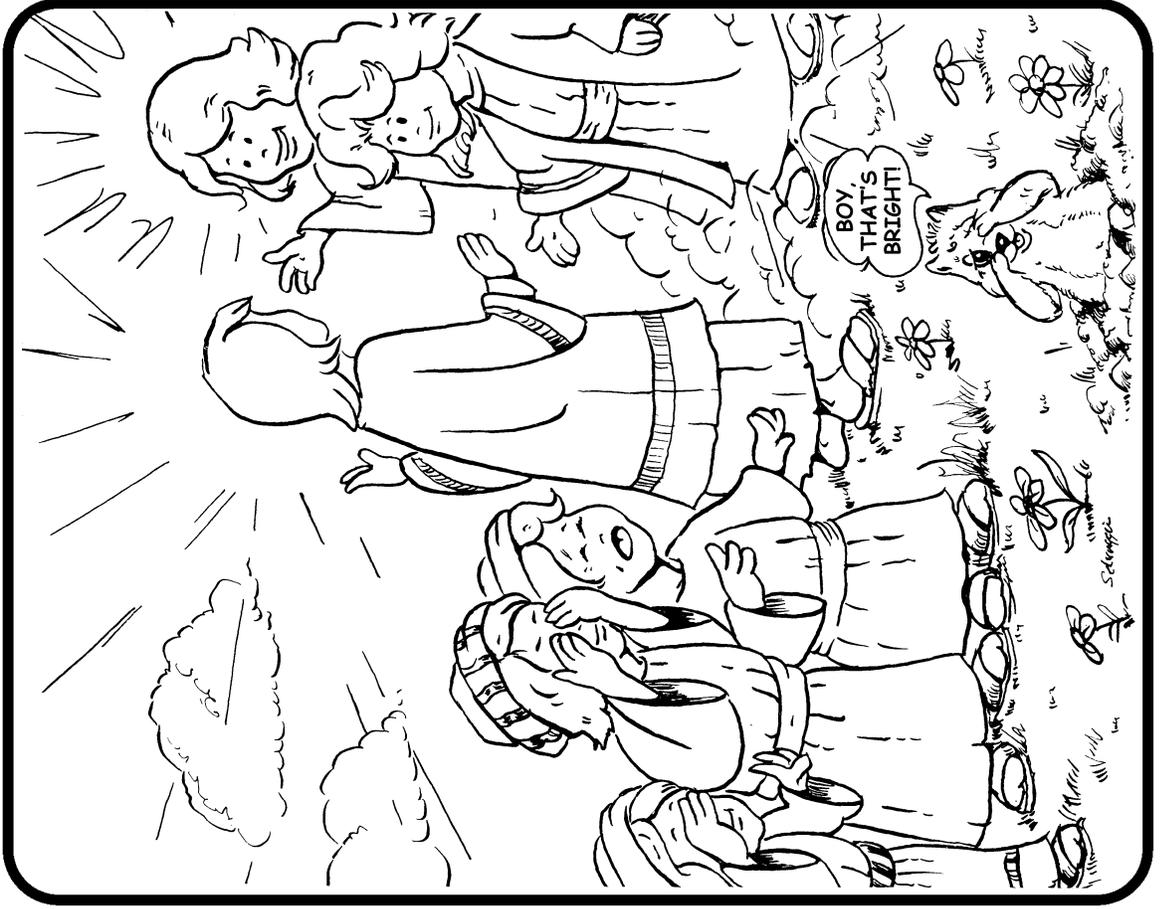
But when they got up the mountain all kinds of amazing things began to happen. Jesus' clothes got whiter and whiter and his face and hands started shining like the sun. The three disciples had to cover their eyes because it was so bright.

Then they saw two other people suddenly appear. They looked like Moses and Elijah and they were talking with Jesus. The disciples were amazed, because Moses and Elijah had died hundreds of years before. The disciples wondered how they got there so suddenly.

Then the light disappeared and only Jesus was standing there with his followers.

Matthew 17:1-9

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CHOOSE THE RIGHT WORD:

1. Peter, James, and JOHN went with Jesus.
2. They climbed a MOUNTAIN.
3. The disciples thought Jesus would PRAY.
4. Jesus' clothes became WHITE.
5. They had to cover their EYES.
6. Suddenly MOSES and Elijah appeared with Jesus.
7. Moses and Elijah had been dead for hundreds of YEARS.
8. When the light disappeared, only JESUS was there with his followers.

ANSWERS

Gus The Gospel Gopher says: "Never look at a bright, bright, bright light, like the sun. It could hurt your eyes. When Jesus took his disciples up the mountain with him they could hardly stand the bright light they saw there. What do you think the tall mountain looked like where the three disciples went with Jesus? Draw a picture of it in the space below. Then draw some clouds around the top of it, and a pathway going up to the top."

Choose The Right Word. Here are some sentences about today's Gospel story. Choose the best answer from the three words given underneath each sentence. Write it on the blank provided. After you are finished you can check your answer on the back page.

1. Peter, James, and _____ went with Jesus.

JOEL JOHN JOSEPH

2. They climbed a _____.

MOUNTAIN LADDER ROPE

3. The disciples thought Jesus would _____.

SLEEP SING PRAY

4. Jesus' clothes became _____.

WHITE RED BLACK

5. They had to cover their _____.

EARS EYES NOSES

6. Suddenly _____ and Elijah appeared with Jesus.

MOSES JACOB ABRAHAM

7. Moses and Elijah had been dead for hundreds of _____.

DAYS MONTHS YEARS

8. When the light disappeared, only _____ was there with his followers.

MOSES ELIJAH JESUS