

St. James Episcopal Church
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!
FEBRUARY 26, 2017—THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
LISTENING TO LOVE



Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said,
“This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”

Matthew 17:5

In this picture, kids are listening to Jesus. Can you draw a picture of yourself listening to Jesus?

THE GOSPEL AND REAL LIFE

AN EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT

Most of the time, Jesus looked like a very ordinary person. Today's story is about a very special moment when Jesus looked ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY! His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. And then we hear the voice of God, who said "this is my son, listen to him!" Why does God want us to listen to Jesus? We should listen to him, because the things that he said and did show us what God wants for us. What has Jesus been saying?

Love! Love God, love each other!

How can you listen to Jesus? Can you think of ways that you love people? How do you help people? How are you generous and kind?

TRANSFIGURATION MATCH-UP

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| 1. Having a new and exalted appearance | A. Peter, James and John |
| 2. Jesus | B. Son of God |
| 3. Friends and disciples of Jesus who saw the Transfiguration. | C. Moses |
| 4. He received the Ten Commandments from God | D. Transfigured |
| 5. What Jesus' clothes looked like during the Transfiguration | E. Moses and Elijah |
| 6. The people who appeared with Jesus at the Transfiguration | F. On a high mountain. |
| 7. Where the Transfiguration took place. | G. Dazzling White |

BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME: THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS

Kids have to spend a lot of time listening—certainly they listen to parents and to teachers. They also spend time listening to their friends, TV and other influences. What do you want them to hear? Talk with them about all of the influences that they hear, and that you hear as well. How do you decide when to listen and who to listen to? Talk to your children about how you are guided, and how and when you decide to ignore or to listen. They learn from adults in not only their words but also in their actions and priorities. Show them how *you* listen to Jesus.

Dinner Table Conversations:

Who do you listen to? Parents, friends, teachers, family?

What other things do you list to? Movies, music, books?

How do you know when to listen and follow, and when to NOT listen?

How do you know when something is good for you or bad for you?

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