

JESUS CHRIST'S TRANSFIGURATION

Objective

The children discover the special events at Jesus Christ's transfiguration.

Contents

- Jesus Christ's transfiguration (Luke 9:28–36).
- The effect on the disciples.
- Through the activity of the Holy Spirit we are able to experience things that are divine.



Lesson Plan**Lead-In**

Workbook, Exercise 1

Implementation

Workbook, Text

Workbook, Exercise 2

Discussion**Question Prompt**

The exercise is worked on and the answers are compared.

A child or the teacher reads the text aloud.

The children do the exercise and read the explanation aloud once again.

Discuss with the children that the events on the mountain were completely out of the ordinary, and that we are unable to explain them using our intellect.

What was so special and unique about this occurrence?

- Jesus was seen in a special, transfigured form.
- Two men of God from the Old Covenant, who no longer lived on earth, appeared.
- The voice of God said to those present, "This is my beloved Son: hear him."

Explain that God presented his son in a form other than that with which the disciples were familiar, namely in a special glorious, celestial form. His face shone like the sun and his garments were a dazzling white.

Direct the children to the fact that Moses and Elijah are two especially important men of God from the time of the Old Covenant.

The children relate what they know about these two men.

- Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt.
- Moses received the Commandments from God.
- Moses was buried by God; no one knows where.
- Elijah was a great prophet.
- Elijah witnessed God's judgment on Mount Carmel.
- Elijah was taken to heaven in a fiery chariot by a whirlwind.

Question Prompt

If necessary, supplement the most important events from the lives of the two men of God, and explain that Moses represented the time of the law, Elijah the time of the prophets.

What is the meaning of the words, “... *Moses and Elias ... spake of his decease which he [Jesus] should accomplish at Jerusalem*” (Luke 9:30–31)?

The decease which Jesus was to accomplish in Jerusalem can be interpreted as:

- Jesus’ sacrificial death
- Jesus’ ascension (i.e., his departure following his resurrection, his leaving this world).

Question Prompt

Can you surmise why Peter said, “Lord, it is good for us to be here”?

- The disciples had experienced the glory of God manifested in Jesus.
- They had seen two men of God from the Old Covenant with whom they were familiar from the accounts of their forefathers and teachers, but who were in the beyond for a long time already.

Teacher’s Presentation

We are not able to see the glory of the Son of God as directly as the three Apostles once were able to. However, again and again we are able to experience something which stands out from the earthly and mundane.

The Lord Jesus already referred to this during his lifetime. A child reads

Bible

John 16:13:

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”

Discussion

Discuss what is meant with the words, “... he will shew you things to come.” This happens in the divine services. The Holy Spirit

- again and again confirms the promise of the Son of God to return and take his own unto himself.
- shows what the Lord intends in the future for those who belong to Christ, namely
 - to be transformed,

