



THE STORY @ HOME

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 2 (2023-2024)

Lesson #2-18
Mark 8:27-9:8

THIS WEEK

The transfiguration reveals Jesus' authority as the Messiah, the Son of God (Mark 8:27-9:8).

STORY SUMMARY

Transfiguration

After asking his disciples who others say who he is, he makes the question more direct: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter responds with a great confession of faith, "You are the Messiah." Then Jesus invites three disciples to a mountaintop where they see Jesus shining brightly alongside Moses and Elijah, and then a voice cries out, "This is my beloved Son!" All of these parallels tie Jesus into God's history with Israel and propel him from the beginnings of ministry toward the all-important end of the story.

Today I Learned....

THE POINT

Jesus is revealed as the promised Messiah.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

Old Testament Connections

There are over 2,000 direct quotations of the Hebrew Bible in the New Testament. These are spread across the four Gospels, Acts, and the Epistles. Allusions, or references, to the Hebrew Bible appear in almost every book of the New Testament. The Hebrew Bible was the Scripture of the early Christians before the New Testament texts were written. Many of the references are used to explain who Jesus is and connect him to the promises of the Hebrew Bible. In today's reading, Jesus is connected to Moses, who represents the law, and Elijah, who represents the prophets, demonstrating that Jesus is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets.

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Read Mark 9:1-8

The transfiguration.

Light three candles as you hear the story of how Jesus walked up the mountain and met with Elijah and Moses. Pray that God's light would shine through you.

Read Mark 9:30-37

Who is the greatest?

Play a game in which somebody wins. Talk about what it means to be first in a game, and how that might be different from the way that God figures greatness.

Read Mark 10:13-16

Jesus blesses children.

There is a great deal of art based on this passage. Look online at different images and choose your favorite. Why is it your favorite?

PRACTICE: PRAYER

We understand who Jesus is by our relationship to him. We do not just learn about Jesus from what others say, but also from how we experience Jesus in our own hearts through prayer. Spend time this week quietly listening for God together as a family.

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