

Bible Story 43: JESUS, THE SON OF GOD

PETER CALLS JESUS, THE SON OF GOD; JESUS' TRANSFIGURATION

SCRIPTURE: Jesus, Son of God: Matthew 16:13-16; Mark 8:27-29
Transfiguration: Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 16:16

BIBLE STORY:

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One day Jesus was alone with His disciples. Jesus asked them, *"Who do people say I am?"*

His disciples said, *"Well, some people say You are the Son of God. Some people say You are John the Baptist. Some other people say You are Elijah or Jeremiah or another prophet."*

Jesus asked, *"Now tell Me. Who do you say that I am?"*

Peter said, *"Jesus, You are the Christ. You are the Son of the living God."*

Jesus was pleased. He said that God had shown this to him.

JESUS' TRANSFIGURATION

On another day Jesus went up the side of a mountain. Jesus took His disciples Peter, James and John with Him. Jesus was transfigured. How? His clothes became white as light. His face was shining like the sun. Moses and Elijah were standing next to Jesus and talking to Him.

Peter wanted to put up three shelters: one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah. A cloud covered them as Peter spoke. A voice from the cloud said, *"This is my Son. I love Him. I am well pleased with Him. Listen to His words!"*

The three disciples were afraid. They fell to the ground. Jesus touched them and said, *"Do not be afraid. Get up on your feet."*

The disciples looked. Moses and Elijah were gone. Only Jesus was standing before His three disciples.

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?
2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. Jesus asked His disciples, “*Who do people say I am?*” What did the disciples say?
2. Jesus asked His disciples, “*Who do you say that I am?*” What did Peter say?
3. Who do you say that Jesus is?
4. Who went with Jesus to the side of a mountain?
5. Jesus was transfigured. What does it mean to be transfigured? How did Jesus look when He was transfigured?
6. Who appeared with Jesus when He was transfigured?
7. What did God, the voice from the cloud, say about Jesus?
8. What happened after the voice spoke from the cloud?
9. How can you share with others that Jesus is the Son of God?