

From EPIPHANY to the TRANSFIGURATION



SMALL GROUP WEEKLY
DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL



Week 8
27 Feb - 5 March 2022

Daily Bible readings, a memory verse and a prayer for individual contemplation
Weekly worship song, reflection and small group questions

Epiphany to Transfiguration (6 Jan – 27 Feb)

2022 DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL:

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Ash Wednesday (2 March)

Lent (6 March -10 April) & Holy Week (11 April to 16 April)

Easter (17 April – 5 June: Pentecost)

Season after Pentecost (12 June: Trinity Sunday to Advent) Topic or Bible book-based devotions

Week 8: 27 February - The Transfiguration



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27 February THE TRANSFIGURATION

Epiphany Year C	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
The Transfiguration	<u>Exodus 34:29-35</u>	<u>Psalm 99</u>	<u>2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2</u>	<u>Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)</u>



Praise and Worship Chris Tomlin - How Great Is Our God (Lyrics And Chords) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBD18rsVJHk>

GOSPEL [Luke 9:28-36, \(37-43a\)](#)

The transfiguration

²⁸ About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹ They spoke about his departure,^[a] which he was about to bring to fulfilment at Jerusalem. ³² Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³ As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, 'Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what he was saying.) ³⁴ While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ A voice came from the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.' ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Jesus heals a demon-possessed boy

³⁷ The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. ³⁸ A man in the crowd called out, 'Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹ A spirit seizes him, and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.' ⁴¹ 'You unbelieving and perverse generation,' Jesus replied, 'how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.' ⁴² Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

Jesus predicts his death a second time

While everyone was marveling at all that Jesus did, he said to his disciples,

Reflection

On the Scripture by: Rev Boitumelo Makgamathe

REFLECTION

The narrative of the transfiguration of Jesus appears in all the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). Jesus calls aside three of his disciples, Peter, James and John to a lonely mountain side to go and pray. On the mountain he is transfigured, his clothes shine white and the disciples who had fallen asleep wake up to find Jesus speaking with Moses and Elijah. When the disciples see this gathering, Peter wants to build a booth /shelter for each of them so they can stay on the mountain.

In the cloud the voice of God affirms Jesus as the son of God who was chosen, and God is well pleased with him. The purpose of this moment is to affirm that Jesus is God's messiah, before he starts his journey to the cross. The appearance of Moses and Elijah shows that Jesus is the one who fulfills the promise of both the Law (Moses) and the prophets (Elijah). It shows Jesus as the ultimate reflection of God's glory, beyond the law and the prophets.

Moses upon the mount of transfiguration was a witness to Christ's victory over sin and death. He represented those who shall come forth from the grave at the resurrection of the just. Elijah who had been taken up to heaven without seeing death, he represents those who will be living upon earth at Christ's second coming. Jesus was clothed with light of heaven, as He will appear at His second coming. Later when he returns to the other disciples, he finds them disillusioned because they could not chase out a demon out of a boy. Jesus heals the boy completely and God's glory is revealed again, but this time in the presence of everyone.

QUESTIONS

Small Group Questions:

1. How does the transfiguration of Jesus draw us into our personal and communal transformation?
2. How do you see God's glory at work in your life today?
3. In what ways do you find glory in the midst of your struggles today?



Daily Bible reading, memory verse and prayer:

MONDAY, February 28, 2022: [Psalm 35:11-28](#); [Exodus 35:1-29](#); [Acts 10:9-23a](#)

Memory Verse: Psalm 35 v 28: *"My tongue will proclaim your righteousness, your praises all day long."*

Prayer: My Lord and My God, I praise you for the privilege that I may express my gratitude for your love in my life daily.

TUESDAY, March 1, 2022: [Psalm 35:11-28](#); [Ezekiel 1:1; 2:1](#); [Acts 10:23b-33](#)

Memory Verse: Acts 10 v 1: *"and said, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor'"*.

Prayer: Heavenly Parent, thank you for the gift of prayer where you always meet our demands and you answer us.

WEDNESDAY, March 2, 2022: ASH WEDNESDAY



It is important for parents to take time to lead the conversations of family time and to be honest with their children in these conversations.

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Sunday 27th February Week 8

Pray daily: Set up family time for prayer and devotions and stick to this arrangement. All devotions should always begin by with a prayer. Ask a family member to pray or one of the children.

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:28-36

Activity/Family Moment:

So what happened here?

Peter, James and John just went into a cloud and found Jesus? Was it a foggy day? of course not. Here we see GOD announce, with the Holy Spirit, that Jesus the Son is the chosen one and to be heeded. When God talks, it can be frightening. The disciples were scared, but they knew to listen anyway. And why do you think they didn't tell anyone about the vision?

Transfigure Play dough into a cloud

What do kids think they would have done on that mountaintop?

What do they think happened after the disciples came down?

As answer incentive, you may choose to pass out large marshmallow prizes for those who respond.