

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Late Elementary · Student Edition

For the student: Read along, fill in the blanks, and write your answers on the lines. Your parent has the answers.

Step 1 Understand the Collect

A collect is a short prayer the pastor prays for the whole church. Here is today's collect:

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Words to know. *Transfiguration:* when Jesus' appearance changed and shone with God's glory. *Testimony:* witness. *Foreshowed:* showed ahead of time. *Adoption:* being made part of a family. *Co-heirs:* people who share an inheritance. *Inheritance:* what a child receives from a parent.

1. Moses and _____ appeared with Jesus.
2. God's voice came from a bright _____.
3. We ask God to make us co-heirs with the _____ in His glory.

Step 2 Understand the Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

1 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. **2** And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. **3** And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. **4** And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."

5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." **6** When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. **7** But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." **8** And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. **9** And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

1. Whom did Jesus take up the mountain?

2. What happened to Jesus' face and clothes?

3. What did the voice from the cloud say?

4. What did Jesus say when the disciples were afraid?

Step 3 Find the Collect in the Gospel

Our prayer talks about Jesus shining in glory and about God's voice from the cloud. Let's find our prayer in the story.

1. The collect speaks of Jesus' *glorious transfiguration*. How did Jesus look?

2. The collect names *Moses and Elijah*. What were they doing?

3. The collect speaks of *the voice from the bright cloud* and our *adoption*. What did the voice call Jesus?

Step 4 The Small Catechism

The Third Commandment. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

1. God said, "Listen to him." What does the Third Commandment say we should do with God's Word?

2. Where do we listen to Jesus today?

Step 5 Wrap It All Up

Pray today's collect together one more time. Then ask:

1. What does Jesus do for you when you are afraid of God?
