



Jesus Is Transfigured

Lesson Aim: To know God wants us to listen to Him.

THE WORSHIP

Who God is: The King Who is With Us

THE WORD

Bible Story: Matthew 17:1-8

What He has done: Jesus' face shone like the sun and God said to listen to Him.

THE WAY

Whisper Verse: "Listen to Him."

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Ephesians 6:1

Unit 1: The King Who is With Us			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
1	Jesus and His Father's House, Luke 2:41-52	God came to earth and grew up as a boy of faith.	To inspire children to want to be in God's house.
2	Jesus Is Baptized, Mark 1:1-11	God told Jesus He loved Him and was pleased with Him.	To see God the Father loves Jesus and God loves each of us.
3	Jesus Is Tempted, Matthew 4:1-11	Jesus resisted temptation and answered Satan with scripture.	To show God is pleased when we do what is right.
4	Jesus Calls His Disciples, Luke 5:1-11	Jesus called regular people to follow Him.	To know Jesus calls each of us to follow Him.
5	Jesus Clears the Temple, Mark 11:15-17	Jesus cleared the temple.	To know God's house is holy.
6	Jesus Is Transfigured, Matthew 17:1-8	Jesus' face shone like the sun and God said to listen to Him.	To know God wants us to listen to Him.

TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read 2 Corinthians 3:7-18. Please join us in praying, "Thank You for showing Yourself in the cloud. Show Yourself to the children this week through Your Word and through Your Spirit working in Your servants as we teach this story. Amen."

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**THE WORSHIP
THE WORD &
THE WAY**

Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Treasure Chest	Treasure chest, stamp or sticker of a cloud
		Whisper Verse	Sign language for "God loves you."
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song: "Children, Obey Your Parents" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "Blessed Are Those" "Give Thanks to the Lord" "I Can Do Everything" "It's Praise Time!" "Let Everything That Has Breath" "Sing Praises" Additional Hymn Suggestions: "I Love You, Lord" "Jesus Loves Me" Additional Song Collection Suggestions: Cedarмонт Toddler Bible Songs The Ultimate Bible Song Collection for Kids Vol. 1
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	<i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 1, Lesson 6
THE WORD	Up to 10	Watch the Word: Matthew 17:1-8	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Matthew 17:5 Visual: Cotton ball or a picture of clouds
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: Shining Son	Standard-size sturdy brown paper, sturdy white paper, cotton balls, tape, glue, crayons or markers, optional: white or shiny cloth
		Game: Listen and Do	None
		Game: Shining Like the Sun	Flashlight
		Snack: Fluffy Clouds	Marshmallows or cotton candy
	Circle of Prayer	None	
Final 5	Final Five	Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 1, Lesson 6 Color This Story: "Jesus Shone Like the Sun"	
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Say & Do: Matthew 17:1-8	None
	Up to 10	Game: Jump to Obey	None
	Up to 10	Game: Mother, May I?	None
	Up to 10	Story Time	Any story about listening to God

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



Listen to Him

THE WELCOME

Welcome each child as they arrive. **Hello _____. I'm glad you are here! Come open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure.** Child unlocks the Treasure Chest to receive a stamp or sticker of a cloud. **Today, we will learn God spoke from a cloud and told the people to listen to Jesus. Let this stamp (or sticker) of a cloud help you remember to listen to Jesus. Today's Whisper Verse is "Listen to Him."** Teach the Whisper Verse in spoken language and in sign language below. **We call it the Whisper Verse so you can whisper it to others.***

Teacher's Note: You may choose to give children a cotton ball to represent the cloud instead of a sticker of a cloud.

SIGN LANGUAGE: "Listen to Him."

(For visual demonstrations, see www.signingsavvy.com.)

Each time we say today's Whisper Verse, let's say it with two hand motions:

"Listen" The hand cups the ear as if to hear better.

"to Him." The middle finger of one hand touches the middle of the palm of the other hand, then the same is repeated using the middle finger of the other hand. This action indicates the wounds in Jesus' hands after He was nailed to the cross.

Allow children to enjoy free play until everyone has arrived. **Let's sing the "Clean Up Song" as we put toys away before Praise Time.** Praise any child who helps. Allow several minutes for clean up.

**"Clean Up Song": Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!
 Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!**

Gather and seat children in Praise Time area.

***Today's Whisper Verse:** "Listen to Him," 2 Corinthians 3:7-18. The Whisper Verse is a tool to help the children learn a major point in the lesson. It is coupled with sign language or hand motions as a memory aid. The verse is not necessarily chosen from today's Bible story.



Jesus as the King who is with us

THE WORSHIP

Teacher Tip: To help children identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play "It's Praise Time!" as children move to that designated area.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to Jesus, the King who is with us. God wants us to listen to Jesus. That's today's Whisper Verse! Who can say it with me? Review Whisper Verse together: "Listen to Him." Include sign language.

One day while Jesus was on a mountaintop, a strange thing happened. His face began to shine like the sun and His clothes became white as light. From a bright cloud, God's voice came. God said Jesus was His Son, He loved Jesus and we should listen to what Jesus said.



We can listen to Jesus by listening and obeying His words in the Bible. He blesses us when we do that. Sing: "Children, Obey Your Parents" and "Blessed are Those."

Just as God told everyone He loved Jesus, we can show everyone we love Jesus. One way we show Him our love is by singing praises to Him and giving our offering. Play: "Give Thanks to the Lord" as background music while collecting the offering.



Let's see what our friends Delbert and Lello are doing today. Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 1, Lesson 6.



When God spoke from heaven, He told everyone He loved Jesus and we should listen to what Jesus had to say. Let's sing these songs to show Jesus we love Him and will listen to Him. Sing: "I Love You, Lord" and "Let Everything that Has Breath."



Jesus' face shone

THE WORD

Before we begin our Bible Time, let's say our Classroom Promise with the motions.

With my eyes on my teacher;	Point to eyes.
My mouth quiet as can be,	Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign.
I will listen to hear,	Cup hand around ear.
How God loves you and me.	Hug self, point to others and then self.

Last time, we learned Jesus showed everyone the temple was God's special house. Today, we will hear the story of when God reminded us to listen to Jesus. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Matthew 17:5.

WATCH THE WORD: MATTHEW 17:1-8

Read the points below or retell the passage in your own words using the points below as a general guide. To illustrate the story, hold a cotton ball to represent the clouds or a picture of clouds. Other visual options include craft sample, Color This Story, or any related picture.

- Jesus took Peter, James and John,
- To climb the mountainside.
- When suddenly, He started to change;
- His clothes turned white as the light.

- The face of Jesus shone like the sun.
- Elijah and Moses appeared!
- Then a bright cloud surrounded them all,
- And the voice of God they did hear.

- From the cloud God said, "This is my Son,
- And I love Him so very much.
- I am very pleased with Him.
- Listen to Him, everyone!"

- Peter, James and John were frightened;
- They fell with their faces to the ground.
- Then Jesus said, "Get up! Don't be afraid."
- They would listen to Jesus now!

What did God say He wants us to do? (Listen to Jesus.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "Listen to Him." Include sign language or hand motions.



What did God call Jesus? (His Son.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Matthew 17:5 from the teacher's Bible. God wants us to listen to His Son, Jesus.



Listen to Jesus **THE WAY**

Teacher Tip: Craft and games can be presented at the same time in different areas or one at a time depending on class size and teaching style.

CRAFT: SHINING SON

Purpose: To know Jesus changed His appearance and God said to listen to Him.

Supplies: Standard-size sturdy brown paper, sturdy white paper, cotton balls, tape, glue, crayons or markers, optional: white or shiny cloth

Prepare: Cut the sturdy, brown paper in the shape of a mountain (triangle or dome-shape). In the center, print or draw a picture of Jesus (about 5"x3"). At the bottom of the page, print "**Listen to Him.**" **Matthew 17:5**. Cut a cloud shape from the white paper large enough to cover Jesus' head. Optional: Cut a piece of white or shiny cloth for Jesus' robe.

Directions:

1. Color Jesus and decorate the mountain with markers and crayons.
2. Glue two cotton balls onto cloud.
3. Tape cloud to the top of the mountain so it can be lifted to see Jesus' face.
4. Optional: Glue on strip of white or shiny cloth to be Jesus' robe.

Craft Discussion:

- **Who remembers today's Whisper Verse? ("Listen to Him.") Let's say it together with the hand motions.**
- **When Jesus went to the top of a mountain, He began to change. What did Jesus' face shine like? (The sun.) What did Jesus' clothes look like? (White light.)**
- **Where did God's voice come from? (A bright cloud.) What did God tell everyone to do? (We are to listen to Jesus.)**
- **God wants us to listen to Jesus because He is God's Son. We can listen to Jesus by reading the Bible or listening when someone reads the Bible to us.**

THE WAY *continued...*

GAME: LISTEN AND DO

Purpose: This game will help children practice listening skills.

Supplies: None

Who does God want us to listen to? (Jesus.) Let's play a game to see how well you listen. Listen closely to find out what you should do, then do it.

Directions:

1. Have the children turn their backs to you.
2. Give an instruction and let children do what they hear you say. Examples of instructions might be jump up and down, laugh out loud, flap your arms, run in place, sit on the floor, or spin in a circle.

You are good listeners. Remember to listen to God's words in the Bible, too.

GAME: SHINING LIKE THE SUN

Purpose: For children to think about how Jesus' appearance shone and to remind them to listen to Jesus.

Supplies: Flashlight

Jesus changed when He was on the mountain with His friends. His face and clothes shone like the sun. God spoke from a bright cloud and said we should listen to Jesus.

When I shine the flashlight on you, stand in the bright light and think about how Jesus shone like the sun.

Directions:

1. Have the children sit in a circle.
2. If possible, turn off or dim the lights. Turn on the flashlight.
3. Walk around the outside of the circle. One at a time, in front of each child, shine the flashlight beam onto the floor.
4. Have the child stand in the bright spot on the floor.
5. Ask the child: **Who does God want you to listen to?**
6. The child is to reply, as loud as he or she can, **"Jesus!"**
7. Continue until all the children have had a turn.

THE WAY *continued...*

SNACK: FLUFFY CLOUDS

Purpose: Children will enjoy a cloud-like snack while they discuss today's story.

Snack Suggestion: Marshmallows or cotton candy

Directions:

1. Serve snack and drink.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or other familiar tune.
God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again.
Thank You for our blessings. Thank You for our blessings. Amen. Amen.
3. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack
 - **Who remembers our Whisper Verse?** Choose a child to demonstrate the motions to the Whisper Verse: "Listen to Him."
 - **When Jesus went to the top of the mountain with Peter, James, and John, God changed how Jesus looked. What did Jesus' face shine like?** (The sun.) **What did Jesus' clothes look like?** (White light.)
 - **God spoke to Jesus and His friends. Where did God's voice come from?** (A cloud.) **We are eating marshmallows (or cotton candy) because they look like clouds.**
 - **God said Jesus was His Son and He loved Him very much. What does God want us to do when we hear Jesus' words?** (Listen to Him.)



CIRCLE OF PRAYER

God made you and He cares for you. He loves to hear you pray with private words or words you say out loud. Let's fold our hands and close our eyes. As I lift up your name to God in heaven, I will lay my hand on your shoulder. Let's pray together.

Dear God, thank You for making us and loving us. We lift up to You a special prayer for ____, ____, ____ (say each name). We pray for our families and friends. Thank You for teaching us how to love one another. Amen.



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

COMPLETED CRAFT: Take home your "Shining Son" craft. Tell someone how Jesus' face shone like the sun.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY: Distribute Ponder, Pray & Play cards, if available. **Show this card to your family. Tell them God wants us to listen to Jesus.**

COLOR THIS STORY: "Jesus Shone Like the Sun." Discuss Bible Story and play Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song "Children, Obey Your Parents" as children color.



If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

☞ GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: MATTHEW 17:1-8

Purpose: This pantomime version of the Bible Story helps children remember the story details.

Supplies: None

Directions: With each phrase, the teacher says the phrase and acts it out with hand motions; then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

- **Jesus took Peter, James and John,** (Hold up three fingers.)
- **To climb the mountainside.** (Pretend to climb.)
- **When suddenly, He started to change;** (Look surprised.)
- **His clothes turned white as the light.** (Point to your clothes.)

- **The face of Jesus shone like the sun.** (Point to your face.)
- **Elijah and Moses appeared!** (Hold up two fingers.)
- **Then a bright cloud surrounded them all,** (Raise arms in shape of cloud.)
- **And the voice of God they did hear.** (Cup hand at ear.)

- **From the cloud God said, "This is my Son,** (Cup hand around mouth.)
- **And I love Him so very much.** (Hold your heart.)
- **I am very pleased with Him.** (Thumbs up.)
- **Listen to Him everyone!"** (Whisper Verse motions.)

- **Peter, James and John were frightened;** (Look afraid.)
- **They fell with their faces to the ground** (Hide face.)
- **Then Jesus said, "Get up! Don't be afraid."** (Shake finger as "No.")
- **They would listen to Jesus now!** (Cup hand around ear.)



☞ BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Ephesians 6:1

GAME: JUMP TO OBEY

Purpose: To help children memorize and review the Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: None

Jesus obeyed His parents. He wants us to obey our parents and caregivers, too. That reminds me of our Bible Memory Verse. Let's learn it together.

Directions:

1. Children stand in a line, shoulder-to-shoulder.
2. Teacher says the Bible Memory Verse, pausing after each word for children to repeat.
3. Each time they say a word, they jump forward one time.
4. Repeat until the Bible Memory Verse is completed. If you run out of space, turn around and jump back the other way.

GOT TIME? *continued...*

GAME: MOTHER, MAY I?

Purpose: Children practice obeying their parents as instructed in the Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: None

Jesus wants us to obey our parents. Let's play a game where we can practice obeying! In this game, you must remember to ask: "Mother, (or Father) may I?" or you cannot follow the instructions. Listen carefully because sometimes you will hear: "No, you may not." Then you must not move.

Directions:

1. Children line up ten feet from the teacher who acts as "Mother" or "Father."
2. Mother or Father gives a simple instruction to a specific child. For example: "Michael, take one big step forward." (Instruction examples: Jump up and down, laugh out loud, flap your arms, run in place, sit on the floor, spin in a circle, etc.)
3. Child must first ask: "Mother (or Father), may I?" If Mother or Father says, "Yes, you may," the child follows the instruction. If Mother or Father says, "No, you may not," the child remains still.
4. Be sure each child has a turn following instructions.



STORY TIME

Gather the children and read a favorite story. This can be a Bible Story, a chapter from *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello*, or a story about listening to God.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY

Unit 1, Lesson 6: Jesus Is Transfigured

PONDER! Read Matthew 17:1-8 with your family. Talk about how Jesus went to the top of the mountain with His friends. Imagine what it was like to see Jesus' face shining like the sun. God spoke from a cloud and said He loved Jesus. God said we should listen to Jesus.

PRAY! Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, thank You for showing us Jesus is Your very special Son. Help us to listen to Him every day. Amen."

PLAY! Teach your family to play "Listen and Do." Stand where others in your family cannot see you. Tell them to listen closely and do what you tell them to do. When you finish playing, talk about how God wants us to listen to Jesus by reading His words in the Bible.

Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:1

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."