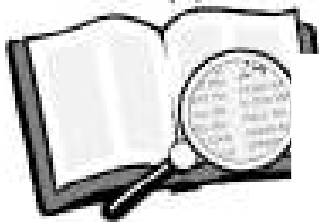
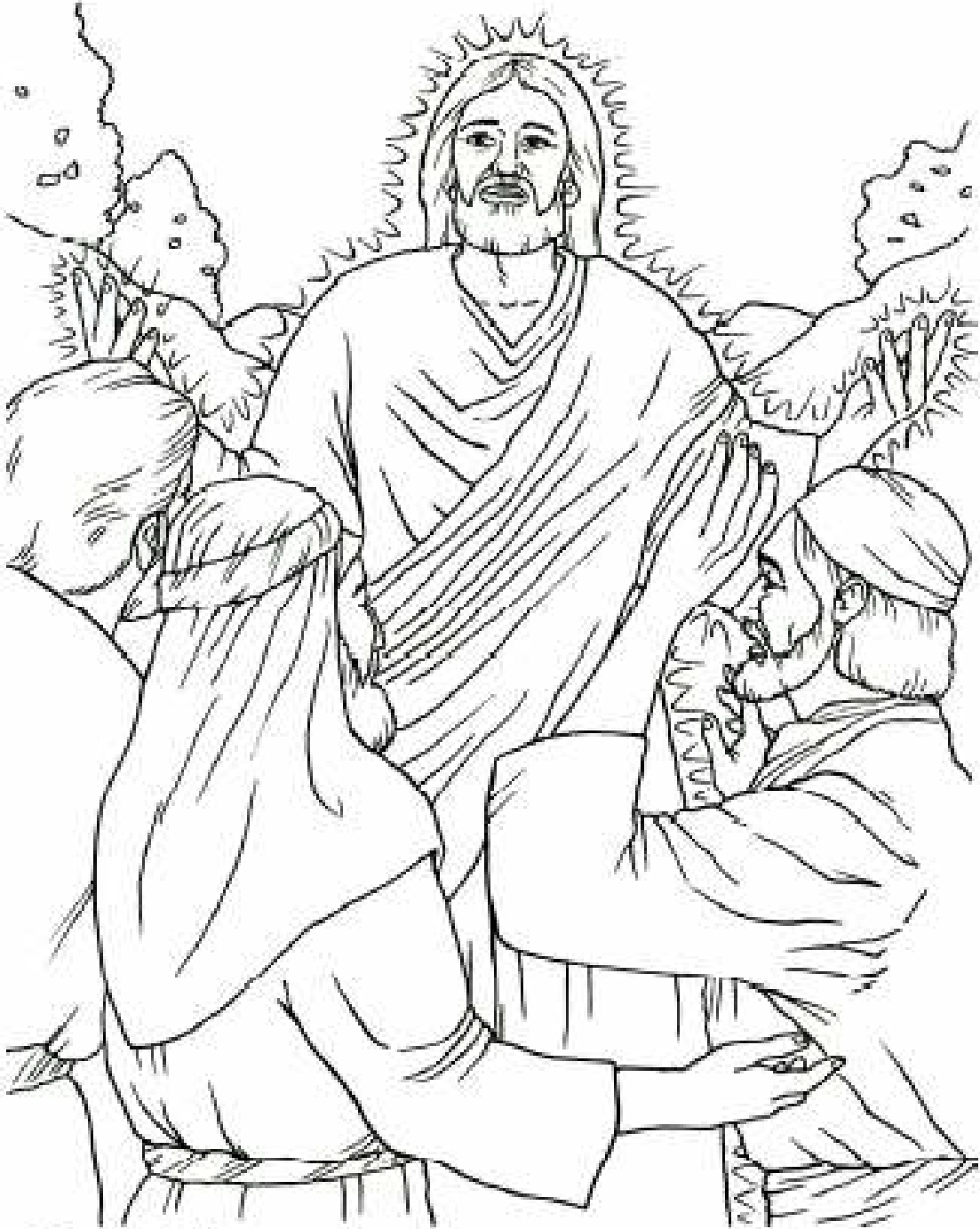


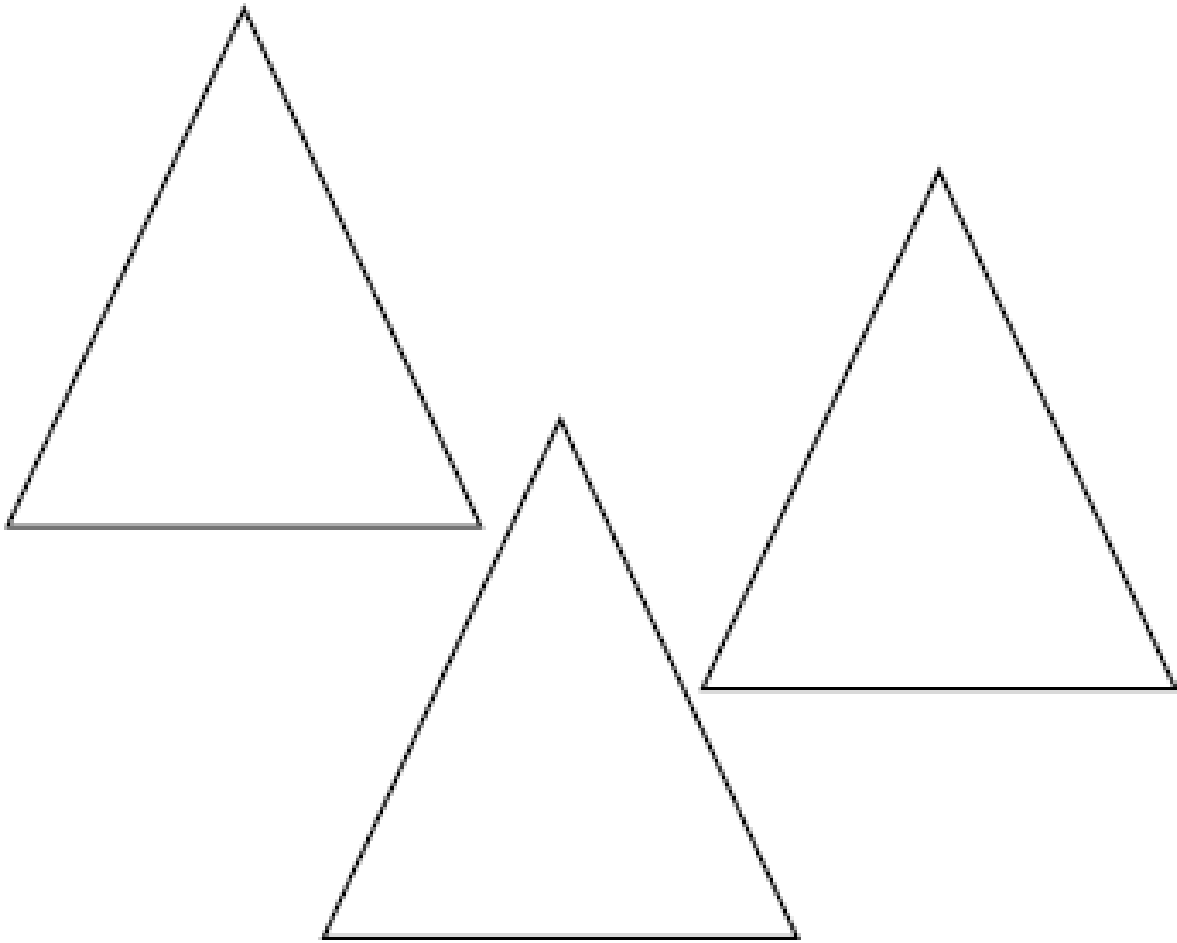
# The Transfiguration

Jesus went up a high mountain with three of his disciples: Peter, James and John. Up there, Jesus' appearance changed so that his face was bright like the sun and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared. And then a voice from a cloud said: "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" This was God's voice. He said these things about his Son, Jesus. The disciples were happy to be with Jesus.



A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"  
Matthew 17:5b

Can you make up three shrines (shelters) from these triangles?



Why do you think Peter wanted to make three shrines?



## **Lesson 21**

### **The Transfiguration**

**Bible Text:** Matthew 17:1-13.

**Key Verse:** Matthew 17:5b.

**Purpose:** The children should understand the Jesus' transfiguration and desire Jesus' presence in their lives.

#### **Please note!**

Plan suitable activities for your group of children. The following activities can be adapted depending on the group's size, age, ability, the amount of time available, etc.

### **I. Lesson**

Before the children work the coloring page, tell them about Jesus' transfiguration, emphasizing these ideas:

- Jesus proves his divinity (v. 5)
- Jesus shows his power (v. 2)
- Jesus shows that it is good to be in his presence (v. 4)
- God's voice is full of power and authority (v. 6)
- Jesus' touch takes away fear (v. 7)
- Jesus knows the future (v. 9,12)

### **II. Activities**

#### **1. The Key Verse**

a. Read the key verse out loud.

A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5b

b. Explain the verse, asking these questions:

- Who talked from the cloud?
- What did the voice say about the Son?
- To whom did the voice from the cloud refer?
- Why should we listen to the Son?
- Did God ever say this about his Son before this? When?

c. Help the children memorize the verse.

## 2. Review questions for the children.

Choose the right answer:

a. How many disciples did Jesus take up the mountain?

- 2 disciples
- 3 disciples
- 4 disciples.

Which disciples?

b. Jesus' transfiguration was as follows:

- His face became bright.
- His face did not change at all.
- His face became dark.

Describe Jesus' transfiguration.

c. Who appeared on the mountain?

- Daniel and Isaiah.
- Samuel and Zechariah
- Moses and Elijah.

What did Moses and Elijah do?

d. Who talked from Heaven?

- God
- A prophet
- An angel

What did the voice from the cloud say?

e. Who is Jesus?

- A great prophet.
- God's Son
- A nice man.

Who said that Jesus is God's Son?

f. What did the disciples do when God talked to them?

- They were happy.
- They were surprised.
- They were scared.

Why were they scared?

g. Whom did Jesus say was going to suffer?

- The disciples.
- Himself
- His descendants.

What does Jesus mean by this?

## II. Conclusion:

It is good to be in God's presence

The Lord is wrapped in brightness and greatness.

In the Lord's presence the Father speaks.

In the Lord's presence miracles happen.

In the Lord's presence there is no fear.

In the Lord's presence we find comfort.

Do you look for the Lord's presence? Do you live in Jesus' presence?