

# TRANSFIGURATION

**Scripture:** Luke 9

**Materials Needed:** pictures of the Transfiguration lesson

**Memory Verse:** “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to HIM!”

**Objectives:** As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—When Peter saw Jesus transfigured with Moses and Elijah, he suggested building three tabernacles, but the cloud covered them and God told them that because Jesus was His Son, they must listen to HIM only.

To Realize— that no matter what good plans one may have, in the end God expects him to listen and do what Jesus says.

To Respond by—listening and obeying whatever Jesus tells me.

## Setting up the Story:

Play a game of Simon says for a few minutes. Afterwards, ask: Why do you have to do what Simon says? Because he’s SIMON! That’s how the game is played. What happens if you do something, but Simon doesn’t say to do it? You’re out! There was someone in today’s lesson that should have done what he was told—let’s see what happened to him. His name was Peter, one of Jesus’ disciples. Peter had been with Jesus almost 2 years. He was realizing how important Jesus was. And one day Jesus asked him who they thought that he was. Do you know what Peter said? “You are the Messiah; the Son of the living God!”

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## Telling the story:

- I. Peter Sees Jesus Transfigured
  - A. One week after he confesses that Jesus is the Messiah

## As you tell the story:

Show the story cards.

If Jesus were the Son of God and THE Messiah—then who was in charge of everything? JESUS! Kind of like Simon is in charge of Simon says. Jesus is REALLY in charge of things. It seems that Peter knows that, but just one week later—he had a problem remembering who was in charge!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B. On the mountain sleeping</li> <li>C. Jesus with Moses and Elijah <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. talking of departure</li> <li>B. and glorification</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Only three disciples were with Jesus—Peter, James, and John. They were tired from their long walk up the mountain, so they fell asleep. But Jesus was praying... Just then something amazing happened! (Storytell details)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>II. Peter suggests building three tabernacles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. He wasn't fully awake</li> <li>B. He didn't realize what he was saying</li> <li>C. "It's good for us to be here."</li> <li>D. "Let's build three shelters. One for each."</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Peter and the other two disciples woke up! There was Jesus with MOSES and ELIJAH! Maybe that doesn't seem too important to you, but for any Jewish person who loved God, this was VERY important! Moses had given the Jewish people God's law! And Elijah had done many amazing miracles and was a prophet of God! And who was Jesus? (the Son of God!) So Peter thought of a way that he could honor all three men! (Storytell details)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>III. Cloud Covers them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. This is my son</li> <li>B. Listen to HIM</li> <li>C. Only Jesus is left</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>What was wrong with what Peter was saying? Was it good to honor Moses and Elijah? But he was actually saying that they were EQUAL to JESUS! It was like all three of them were the same to Peter. Was that true? NO! Who was Jesus? Peter knew the answer—He was the Son of God! Just then a cloud covered them. (Storytell details.) Do you think Peter got the message? Who was the ONLY one he was supposed to obey?</p>

**Concluding the Story:**

Remember when we played Simon says at the beginning of the story? Were there THREE Simons giving directions? No...only ONE. And how many people are the SON of God? Just one...Jesus! So we are supposed to listen to HIM!

Let me give you an example. Let's say there is a first grader who knows that Jesus commands him to be kind and loving to each other, but he's playing a game and he thinks it would be better to get in line in front of someone and not think about anyone else. What should he do? He should do what Jesus says! Why? Because who is in charge? Jesus is God's only Son and HE is the one in charge. We have to listen to HIM!