



## Week 3 -Miracle on the Mountain top

**Bible Story:** Jesus on the Mountaintop (Matthew 17:1-13)

**Main Idea:** Jesus reveals His true glory as God's Son

**Summary:** Jesus took His friends up a big mountain, and something amazing happened—His face shined bright like the sun! This week, we learn that Jesus is God’s Son, and He is full of light and love!

### Corporate Teaching Time (K -Gr 5)

**ONE80 MC:** Good morning everyone! It has been an absolute joy exploring the great outdoors the last couple of weeks in our camping theme, and learning how nature points to our amazing creator!!!! Today we are still talking camping, but instead of hanging out at the campsite, today we are going to go adventuring.

Who loves to go swimming, bike riding, hiking and exploring when they go camping????

Me too...So before we get started on our lesson I am looking for some volunteers who LOVE fishing. I need 8 volunteers.

My 8 volunteers are going to sit here on the bridge and go fishing:). The aim is to catch as many fish as you can. Underneath the fish is a points number. When you are done we will add the number of points that each person has caught. Lets see who can get the catch of the day.

\*Play fun music while volunteers ‘fish’ in the river.

Today’s story is about a time when Jesus took some of his closest disciples on a hike-up a mountain. Does anyone here love hiking? Well thats the outdoor adventure that our bible story is based on.

# Bible Story (Miracle on the Mountaintop)

## ONE80 MC:

Have you ever seen something so amazing you couldn't stop staring? Maybe an incredible sunset with colours painting the sky, or fireworks lighting up the night?

Today we're going to hear about something even more amazing—a moment when three of Jesus' friends saw Him shine with God's glory! This wasn't special effects or a trick of light. For a brief moment, they saw who Jesus really is—God's Son, full of light and power!

Our story comes from the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew was one of Jesus' disciples, and he wrote down Jesus' teachings and miracles so people like us could know about Jesus too.

Today's story happens about halfway through Jesus' ministry, when He took His closest friends to a special place to reveal something incredible to them.

### **READ: Matthew 17:1-3**

Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a tall mountain. Imagine hiking up a steep mountain path, getting tired and sweaty, wondering why Jesus wanted to come all the way up here. But when they reached the top, something amazing happened! Jesus started to change right in front of them. His face began to shine like the sun—not just glow a little bit, but shine with brilliant light! And His clothes turned dazzling white, whiter than anything they'd ever seen.

[Shield your eyes as if looking at something incredibly bright.]

Then, two famous people from the Bible appeared and started talking with Jesus. It was Moses and Elijah! Moses had lived about 1,400 years earlier—he's the one who led God's people out of Egypt and received the Ten Commandments. Elijah was a great prophet who had lived about 900 years before. Both of them had special relationships with God, and now they were there talking with Jesus!

Can you imagine how surprised the disciples must have been? If your teacher suddenly started to glow and two famous people from history appeared to talk with them, you'd probably be shocked too!

### **READ: Matthew 17:4-6**

Peter, who often spoke before thinking, had an idea. "Lord, this is wonderful!" he said. "Let's make three shelters—one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah!" Peter probably wanted this amazing moment to last as long as possible.

But before Peter could finish talking, something even more incredible happened. A bright cloud came and covered them all. Then a voice spoke from the cloud!

"This is my Son, whom I love. I am very pleased with Him. Listen to Him!"

This was God's voice! God the Father was telling the disciples who Jesus really is—God's own Son, worthy of their complete attention and obedience.

The disciples were terrified! They fell face down on the ground, too afraid to look.

### **READ: Matthew 17:7-9**

Then Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," He said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, the cloud was gone. Moses and Elijah had disappeared. Jesus looked normal again. It was just the four of them on the mountain.

As they walked back down, Jesus told them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after He rose from the dead. The disciples must have been confused about this, but they kept quiet as Jesus asked.

What they had witnessed was called the "Transfiguration." That's a big word that means "a complete change of appearance that reveals the true nature of something." For a brief moment, Jesus' friends saw His true divine nature shining through His human body!

This amazing moment showed the disciples that Jesus isn't just a regular person—He is truly God's Son! It connected Jesus to the great leaders from Israel's past, showing that He was the one they had been pointing to all along. God wanted these disciples to see Jesus' glory before the hard days ahead when Jesus would die on the cross. It's like God was giving them a special memory to hold onto when things got tough.

**SUMMARY:** Today we learned about the miracle on the mountaintop, when Jesus revealed His glory to three of His closest friends. They saw Jesus shine with heavenly light and heard God's voice declaring Jesus to be His Son.

When life gets hard or confusing, we can remember this story and know that Jesus isn't just a good teacher or a nice friend—He is God's Son, full of power and glory! And even though we can't see His shining face right now, we can trust that He is with us always, helping us follow Him.

## Worship (song liked on YouTube)

1. [Psalm 8 \(Halle\)](#)

## Object lesson

Let's talk about what makes this jar special. Right now, it's just clear, plain, and empty. But we're going to fill it with something that will remind us of today's lesson about Jesus showing His glory to His disciples.

*{Take a few glow sticks and snap them so they light up. Drop them into the jar.}*

Now, look at this jar! When we add the glow sticks, it lights up the whole space around it. The glow reminds me of how Jesus' glory is bright and amazing, just like light shining in the dark. On the mountain, Jesus' friends got to see His glory for the first time—they saw that He wasn't just a good teacher or a great friend. He was God's Son, shining with God's light! Shake the jar gently to make the glow sticks move around.

Just like this jar lights up because of the glow sticks, Jesus shines because He is full of God's glory. His light helps us see who God is and how much He loves us. Whenever you see a light in the dark, remember that Jesus shines brighter than anything. His glory shows us who God is and helps us trust Him more. Let's keep learning about that amazing moment on the mountain!

Pray for the class

## BACK TO CLASSROOMS

# Small group Discussion, Reflection & Prayer

*Split into 2 groups- preferably boys and girls. Create an atmosphere where children feel welcome and comfortable to share. You can play ambient camping sounds (liked on YouTube) or Play worship music in the background. A calm worshipful atmosphere should be created. Please prepare prayerfully for this time and do not rush it. Pass a talking object around, giving each person an opportunity to share.*

### **ONE80 Volunteer:**

**ONE80 volunteer:** You all did such a great job paying attention during today's lesson. I'm so proud of how well you listened and how excited you were to learn! Let's remember what we learned today: Jesus reveals His true glory as God's Son. That's such an important truth, and it helps us trust Jesus even more.

Now, let's take a few minutes to talk about what we learned. I have three questions for you, and I'd love to hear what you think.

### **Discussion Questions:**

#### **K/Gr 1:**

1. What do you think it would have been like to see Jesus shining on the mountain like the sun?
2. Why do you think God made Jesus shine!
3. How can we show that we believe in Jesus?

#### **Gr 2-Gr 5 Questions:**

1. What do you think it would have been like to see Jesus shining on the mountain like the sun?
2. Why do you think God told the disciples to listen to Jesus? How can we listen to Him today?
3. What is one thing you learned about Jesus today that helps you trust Him more?

### **Prayer Requests:**

Alright, thank you for sharing your thoughts! Now, does anyone have any prayer requests? We can pray for anything - whether it's something you're thankful for, something you're struggling with, or a prayer for someone else. We can also pray and ask God to help us to listen to Him.

\*Allow time for children to share- and jot down their requests. Make sure each child's request is prayed for. As a volunteer you can lead this prayer time by asking specific children to pray for specific requests, break into pairs and pray for each other or you can pray corporately- however you feel led.

**Let's pray together.**

Dear Jesus, thank You for showing us how amazing You are and for loving us so much. Thank You for letting us learn about Your glory today. We pray for the requests we shared and ask for Your help, peace, and love in each situation. Help us to remember that You are always with us, and we can trust You no matter what. We love You, Jesus. Amen..

Video link:  
[Jesus Transfiguration](#)