

# Wow!

## Mark 9.2-9 Transfiguration

Jesus invites the closest of his disciples to go up a high mountain with him. The disciples are dazzled by his altered appearance. In contrast to the voice that spoke to Jesus at his baptism, the voice from the cloud speaks directly to the disciples and tells them to 'listen to him', before they head back down the mountain.

*This week we explore unexpected, life-changing moments.*

### Prepare your children's session

Read Bible notes on [WEB](#).

This mountain-top experience provides a glimpse of the glory of God but it is a passing experience. Have you had an unexpected or intense awareness of the glory of God? Was it difficult to leave the experience behind, while wanting to hold onto it, as everyday life continued?

We need to help the children we work with to develop a language and experience of faith that will help them recognise and value the things of God. How can we help them tune in to look for 'wow' moments of God in their lives?

**Provide the following play materials for very young children throughout the session:** a basket of 'lights': flashing light toys, torches, etc. Things which cause a wow!

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## Children's session

### Gather

Use the song, prayer and activity to gather the group and introduce the theme. (5 mins)

♪ Sing to the tune: *My God is so big, so strong and so mighty*

This story's so big, so good and amazing, it tells us that Jesus is king. Transforming his face, his clothes and his body so everyone knows he is king.

Yes, Jesus is good, his love is so good – his acts are amazing and new. This story's so big, so good and amazing, it tells us that Jesus is king.

On a mountain-top with Jesus  
the disciples were in awe.

They just could not believe it –  
what they heard and saw.

Help us, Lord, to see you today,  
just as they did in that special way. **Amen.**

### Unwrap a parcel

**You will need:** a parcel wrapped in plain paper containing something surprising, e.g. heart-shaped confetti, a Valentine's card or a glow stick.

- Invite the children to guess what may be inside the parcel. Then invite someone to open it. Discuss whether the contents were a surprise or not.

**U**p the high mountain they went: Jesus, Peter, James and John. Up and up they climbed. The disciples were tired. And then, suddenly, before their very eyes, Jesus was transfigured! ✨ He was changed; radiant and brighter than the sun. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than the whitest they had ever seen.

The disciples were amazed! And as they watched, two other figures appeared: the prophet Elijah, and Moses, the great leader of the Israelites. ✨ They were talking with Jesus. The disciples were terrified! They didn't know what to say. Suddenly, Peter spoke up: 'Let's build shelters! Let's build three shelters, right here! One for Moses, one for Elijah and one for Jesus.'

And as they stood, a cloud overshadowed them. And from the cloud a voice spoke to them: 'This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.' Suddenly, there was no one there any more, only Jesus. The disciples were confused. But they knew they had glimpsed something amazing. So they set off back down the mountain: Jesus, Peter, James and John.

Jesus said that they were to tell no one what they had seen. Not until after he had risen from the dead. The disciples were puzzled. But they kept the secret.

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✨ See *Share the Word*.