



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for February 13, 2011
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"This Is My Beloved"

Lesson Text: Mark 9:2-13

Background Scripture: Mark 9:2-13

Memory Verse: "This is my beloved Son: hear Him" (Mark 9:7).

Mark 9:2-13

²And after six days Jesus taketh [with him] Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them.

³ And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

⁴ And there appeared unto them Elias with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus.

⁵ And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.

⁶ For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.

⁷ And there was a cloud that overshadowed them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.

⁸ And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves.

⁹ And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were risen from the dead.

¹⁰ And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean.

¹¹ And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Elias must first come?

¹² And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought.

¹³ But I say unto you, That Elias is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.

TEACHER'S NOTES

Matthew 17 and Luke 9 both throw additional light on Mark's account of the transfiguration, for each adds details Mark does not include. Luke, and only Luke, says that Jesus' reason for climbing the mountain was to pray. Only Luke says that the disciples fell asleep during His prayer and that He was engaged in prayer when they awoke and saw His glory. Only Luke reports what Jesus, Moses, and Elijah talked about. Only Luke says the disciples entered the bright cloud that overshadowed them all.

On the other hand, only Matthew says that the mountain was high and that the cloud that formed was bright. Only Matthew quotes the voice from the cloud as saying God was **"well pleased"** (17:5) with His Son. And only in Matthew do the disciples fall on their faces and hear Jesus say, **"Be not afraid"** (v.7).

Last week's lesson pointed to Jesus' **"authorization papers."** He had not come of His own doing. He had been sent by God the Father. He was God's servant. He spoke not His own words but the words of the Father who sent Him.

This week's lesson will answer the question **"Just who was that Servant-Spokesman?"** God Himself gave the answer on the Mount of transfiguration: **"This is my beloved Son"** (Mark 9:7). In Jewish thinking, **"the Son of God"** (cf. John 5:18) was deity Himself.

This lesson will help your children better understand who it actually was who laid down His life for them on cross.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW

Teach that the One we know as Jesus was really God in human form.

TRUTHS TO STRESS

1. Jesus was and is God.
2. God the Father told us to pay attention to what Jesus Says.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Telling the Lesson, have a picture of Jesus with three disciples and one of the transfiguration scene. Make a sign reading "God the Son."

For Telling How to Live, bring the sign made for Telling the Lesson.

For Helping to Remember, each child will need half a sheet of white art paper cut lengthwise, crayons, and safety scissors (blunt tip).

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Search for each student (located at the end of this lesson).

BEGINNING THE LESSON

Have you ever had your picture taken? Of course you have. Pictures help other people know what we look like. Now, God has not given us a picture of Himself, but His Book, the Bible, helps us know what He is like. The Bible says He is one God. But it also says that one God is three different, wonderful

Persons in that one God. They are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Can we really understand that? No, but God says that is the way it is, and He knows.

Today's lesson is about one of those Persons.

TELLING THE LESSON

One day Jesus took a walk partway up a high mountain. He wanted to have a quiet place to pray. He took His friends Peter, James and John along with Him. (Show Jesus and three disciples.)

His friends sat waiting for Him to finish praying. After a while, they got sleepy. Then they fell asleep.

The Bible does not say how long Jesus' friends slept, but all at once they were wide awake. They looked over at Jesus. Oh! What was happening? His face was shining like the sun. His clothes were as white as snow—whiter than anyone could ever wash them.

Besides that, now two men were with Him. (Show transfiguration.) Somehow the three friends knew these men were Moses and Elijah, men who had lived long ago. They were talking together about something that was going to happen. Soon Jesus would die.

Peter thought he had to say something, but he did not know what. What he did say was "If You want us to, we can make three tents for You and Moses and Elijah to sit under."

Then they saw a bright cloud coming over them. It was all around them. Someone in the cloud said, "This is My dear Son. Listen to Him." Who do you suppose that was? Yes, it was God the Son. (Show "God the Son.")

Well, when Jesus' friend heard God's voice, they were so afraid they bowed down to the ground. Jesus came over and touched them. He said "Get up. Do not be afraid."

The three friends looked around. The cloud was gone. The two men were gone. Nobody was there but Jesus.

As they walked down the mountain, Jesus said, "Do not talk to anyone about what you saw—not until after I have risen from the dead." (Show Jesus with three disciples.)

Now, Peter, James, and John did not yet understand what Jesus meant by rising from the dead. But they listened to Him anyway, just as God had told them. "This is My dear Son. Listen to Him." And they did keep quiet about what they had seen on the mountain until after Jesus had died and was alive again.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

This lesson tells us that Jesus was not just a good man. Jesus was (and is) God. He is God the Son. Who was on that cross when Jesus died? God the Son. He was the One who died for you. God said so. (Show "God the Son.")

What else did God say? "This is my dear Son. Listen to Him." That is what God is saying to you and me too: Listen to Jesus. Do what He says.

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Each student should turn his paper lengthwise, draw the largest cloud he can fit on the paper, and color it a bright color. Each should print: "This is my beloved Son" across the cloud and cut it out.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE

“This is my beloved Son: hear Him” (Mark 9:7).

God the Father said those words. He was saying that Jesus was more than just a good man. The man we call Jesus was also God the Son come down from heaven.

CONCLUSION

Children will enjoy being shown how the transfiguration was a means of God giving Jesus a seal of approval.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Saviour. Please remind us often to “hear him.” For this we thank You again. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON

In next week’s lesson, “**Jesus Came to Serve,**” we learn how James and John asked Jesus for places of honor, but He said that those who serve others are the greatest in the kingdom. Study Mark 10:35-45.

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WORD SEARCH

"This Is My Beloved" (Mark 9:2-13)

Find each of the following keywords from the lesson:

L G N T D B S R J H S J M A E
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BELOVED
CLOUD
GOD
HUMAN
JOHN
LISTEN
MATTHEW
RAIMENT
SON
TRANSFIGURED

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DISCIPLES
HEAR
JAMES
LAID
LUKE
MOSES
SAVIOUR
SPIRIT

BOOK
FATHER
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JESUS
LIFE
MARK
PETER
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BELOVED(6,1,SE)

BIBLE(11,5,NE)

BOOK(2,8,S)

CLOUD(1,7,S)

DISCIPLES(10,14,N)

FATHER(12,10,S)

GOD(15,14,NW)

HEAR(3,11,N)

HOLY(2,4,S)

HUMAN(10,1,SE)

JAMES(5,13,E)

JESUS(11,8,SE)

JOHN(9,1,SW)

LAID(8,10,N)

LIFE(1,1,S)

LISTEN(9,6,S)

LUKE(3,4,S)

MARK(6,9,SE)

MATTHEW(13,1,SW)

MOSES(9,14,W)

PETER(15,11,NW)

RAIMENT(8,1,SE)

SAVIOUR(5,15,E)

SERVANT(15,9,N)

SON(3,12,SW)

SPIRIT(11,1,SW)

TRANSFIGURATION(4,1,S)

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