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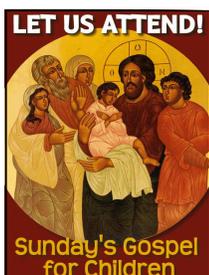
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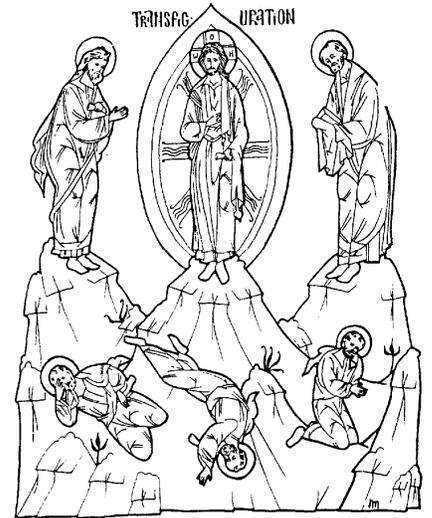
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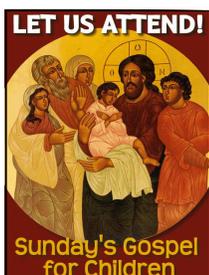
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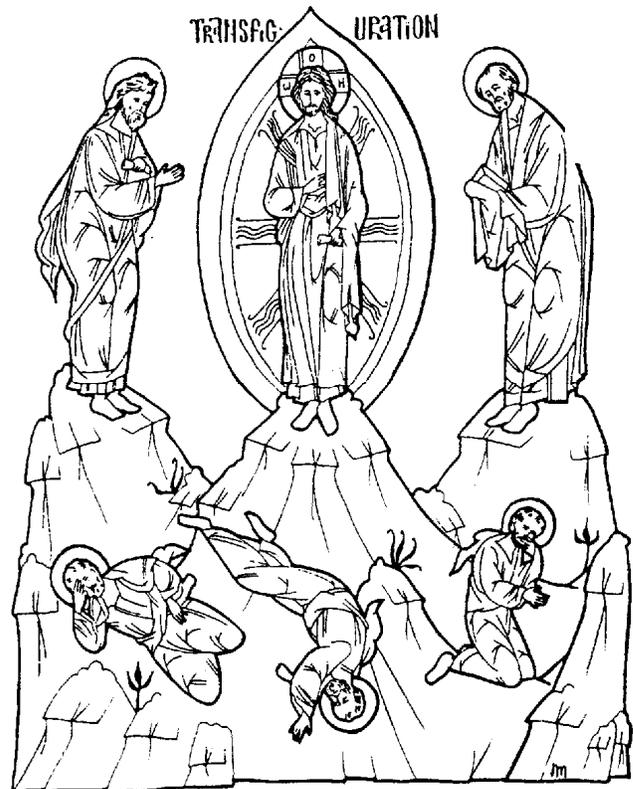
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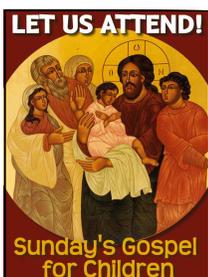
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## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Who was transfigured in this Gospel reading? Who was with Him when it happened?
2. What does the word "transfigured" mean?
3. When does the voice say, "This is My beloved Son?"
4. What did Peter, James, and John do when they saw the bright cloud and heard the voice? Why?
5. Why do you think that Jesus was transfigured and had a voice speak about Him? Why is it important that we know that this happened?
6. How would you feel if this happened in front of you? Explain.



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Characters: Narrator, Jesus, Peter, Voice of God

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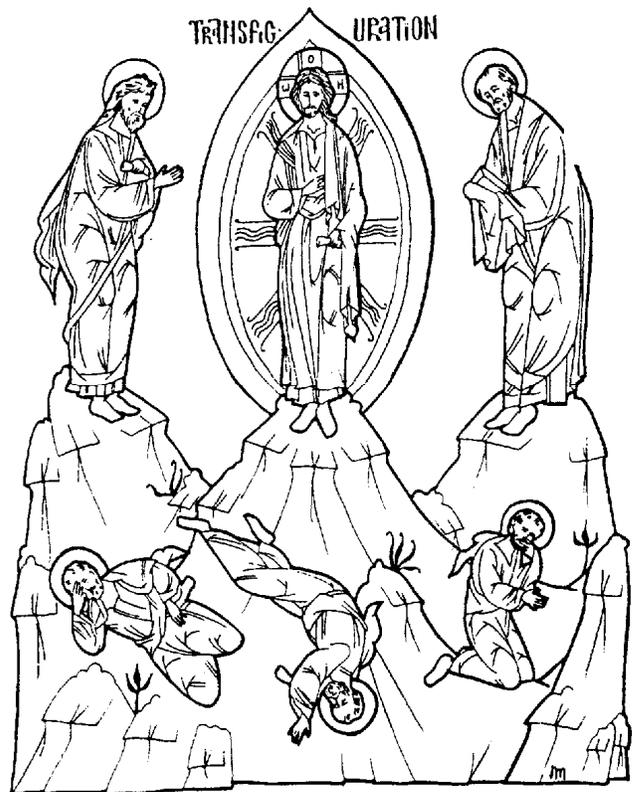
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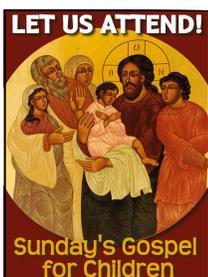
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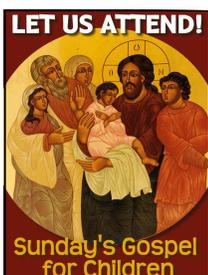
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## WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What happens after Peter offers to build three dwelling places for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah?
2. Read Exodus 19:7-9 and 19:16-20. Who comes in a dense cloud in these passages? Why does He come in a cloud?
3. What does this suggest about the cloud that overshadows the disciples? What does this cloud tell about Jesus?
4. Whose voice comes from the cloud? Why do you say that?
5. What does the voice tell us about Jesus? What does that mean?
6. Why is it important to know that Jesus is God's beloved Son? Why does that matter?



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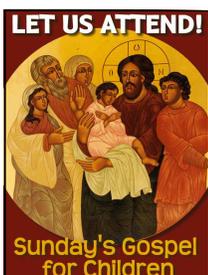
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1. Do you remember who Moses is? Does his story have anything in common with this one? (Hint: read Exodus 19.)
2. What does this suggest about the cloud in today's Gospel and the voice coming from that cloud?
3. Why would the connection between today's Gospel's cloud and the one that Moses encountered be important?
4. Read 4 Kingdoms 2:9-12. What does this text tell you about Elijah?
5. Why would today's Gospel tell us that Elijah appeared and talked to Jesus? What 5. does this suggest about Jesus?
6. What is the Gospel saying about Jesus by telling us that He talked with Moses and Elijah and that a voice from a cloud spoke about Him?
7. Why would it be important to connect Jesus to the Jewish past?
8. Can you think of any times in our services where we do this, describing Jesus or a saint, by connecting them to someone in the Old Testament?



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