

Second Sunday of Lent

28th February 2021

Preparing the prayer space

Place a purple cloth on the table or floor (purple – the colour for Lent)

Place a cross, bible and candle on it. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Prepare materials

- Youtube as listed on sheet: Scripture story and song
- Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet
- Print out sheet if required



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Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver:

Today, we hear that Jesus took his disciples to a special place where they could be alone. Jesus' disciples Peter, James and John were able to see and hear amazing things. They saw Jesus shine brightly and heard God's voice telling them that Jesus is the Son of God.

Opening prayer: God of love, help us to listen to your word in the Gospel story and to remember how special Jesus is. Help us to follow Jesus's example and teachings as we walk with him this Lent. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (9:2-10).

All: Glory to you O, Lord.

Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and went up on a high mountain, where they could be alone. There in front of the disciples, Jesus was completely changed. And his clothes became much whiter than any bleach on earth could make them. Then Moses and Elijah were there talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, "Teacher, it is good for us to be here! Let us make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But Peter and the others were terribly frightened, and he did not know what he was talking about.

The shadow of a cloud passed over and covered them. From the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to what he says!" At once the disciples looked around, but they saw only Jesus.

As Jesus and his disciples were coming down the mountain, he told them not to say a word about what they had seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from death. So they kept it to themselves. But they wondered what he meant by the words "raised from death."

The gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Gospel text © Lectionary for Masses with Children (1993) Catholic Book Publishing Co. New York)

Prayerfully watch the videos together

Transfiguration of Jesus <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wqZfeNnkHQg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6m8gkCv0CU>

Scripture reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder why Jesus took his disciples to a place where they could be alone...

I wonder why Jesus was talking to Moses and Elijah...

I wonder what the disciples were thinking...

I wonder why Peter said, 'it is good for us to be here!' ...

I wonder how the disciples felt after hearing the voice from the cloud...

I wonder what I can do to spend more time with God ...

Let us sing together our beliefs as Christians:

Apostle's Creed Song - Adam Zarn <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nTG2hLu6ZcA> (2.35 mins)

Intercessions: Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to listen to our needs.

(We respond to the prayers by saying the words 'Lord, hear our prayer')

1 We pray for Pope Francis, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, all Church and world leaders: that they will continue to follow after Jesus' example and listen to God's voice.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

2 We pray for those in our world who are suffering in any way at this time, that they will hear God speak to their hearts and know His loving presence is always near.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

3 We pray for our families, parishes and communities in this season of Lent. That during this time we can grow to follow Jesus' teachings more closely and act with more kindness towards others.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

4 We pause for a moment and pray in our hearts or aloud for any intentions or people we would like to pray for at this time (*pause*)

Lord, hear us **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

5 We pray for all people who have died recently and especially for people we know and love: that they will now be united with Jesus.

Lord, hear us. **All:** Lord, hear our prayer

Closing prayer: Heavenly Father, you care for us by sending your only Son, Jesus to be a shining and loving example for us. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to help us focus our eyes on Jesus and tune our hearts to listen to his teachings. Amen.

Closing song: *Be Thou My Vision* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNSP0zJ0vjE> (3.32 mins)

Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has come to a close.

- *Jesus' Transfiguration Colouring-in*
Colouring sheet resource from CAFOD
<https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/22655/158255/version/6/file/Second%20Sunday%20of%20Lent.pdf>
- *Sun catcher*
Make your own sun catcher inspired by today's Gospel. Create your own figure of Jesus shining brightly on your window! <http://www.catholicinspired.com/2012/03/transfiguration-of-jesus-craft.html>
- *Brighter than white*
Jesus became brighter than white. In the spirit of Lent, you might like to help your parents with washing the clothes. Ask to see the white clothes before the wash, then after they are washed with bleach. Can you imagine Jesus shining whiter and brighter than this? Think about how you would think or feel after seeing Jesus like this.
- Write a prayer to Jesus in your prayer journal (special notebook).