


## LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY: MARK 9:2-10



Jesus' status as Messiah is confirmed by the divine testimony that he is God's beloved Son (9:7) and is anticipated by the shining white garments of Jesus. The transfiguration story is a form of an epiphany, a sudden manifestation of the divine and when humans see or witness an epiphany, they generally have an ah-ha moment, followed by confusion (now what) or fear (what does this mean?) Peter (once again) demonstrates that he doesn't "get it" and Jesus once again has to explain his death and resurrection.

# EPIPHANIES

### The Story

Our story today is about Jesus and his disciples, Peter, James, and John. Jesus took the three disciples with him as he went up a mountain to pray. They climbed the mountain together, which was a long distance to travel. When they reached to top of the mountain alone, an amazing thing happened. Jesus' face and clothes began to shine brighter than you can imagine! They were brighter than the sun, brighter than the brightest light bulb. And then, Jesus was joined by two leaders from the past, Moses and Elijah. These men were great leaders who had followed God faithfully and who had died long ago. Moses and Elijah began talking with Jesus. The disciples, Peter, James, and John, were amazed by this and could not believe what they were seeing. They never wanted to forget it. So Peter said to Jesus, "Let's make three tents to mark this occasion so we can stay here and remember this forever." As Peter was speaking a cloud came down upon them and covered them. From the cloud God said to them, "This is my Son, Jesus, whom I love very much. Listen to him." And when the cloud was gone, Jesus was alone with them. He told the three disciples that they could not stay there, but must return from where they came to continue to spread the word of God."

### Reflection Questions:

#### Young Children

**II wonder what made Jesus and his clothes shine?**

- I wonder what you would do if you had been there?
- I wonder how we see God today?

#### Older Youth

**Do we see God in other people like Jesus encountered God in Elijah and Moses?**

- Do we see God in the light like Jesus encountered as everything was transfigured around him?
- Do we see God in what comes after the light like Jesus saw God in the life and community around him?

# ACTIVITIES

### YOUNG CHILDREN

Illustrate the transfiguration by cutting out the attached images and gluing them onto paper along with cotton balls for clouds and then sprinkling white glitter on Jesus's clothing

### OLDER YOUTH

1. Bake a King cake for Shrove Tuesday or bake King cupcakes - recipe attached
2. Complete the attached crossword