

FEBRUARY 21-MARCH 28

Lent 2021

 **Life Kids**
FAMILY PLAYLIST

We invite you to learn, pray, and live our faith with your children at home!



Each week, we will offer you an easy lesson based on the Sunday Gospel. You and your children are encouraged to find the story in the Bible and engage in the activities.

You can use the online format below, your own Bible or The Catholic Children's Bible from our First Sacraments program. As a reminder, the Gospel readings (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) are in the New Testament about two-thirds of the way back in the bible.

Thank you for sharing your faith with your family!

FEBRUARY 21, 2021 — First Sunday of Lent

JESUS WAS TEMPTED IN THE DESERT

The Big Idea: Jesus called on angels to help him when he was tempted.

Learn

Read Bible passage: Mark 1:12-15 — Catholic Children’s Bible, page 1524

At once the Spirit made him go into the desert, where he stayed forty days, being tempted by Satan. Wild animals were there also, but angels came and helped him.

After John had been put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee and preached the Good News from God. “The right time has come,” he said, “and the Kingdom of God is near! Turn away from your sins and believe the Good News!

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Did You Know?

When Jesus was in the desert for almost 6 weeks, he was tempted to do things that were not good. So Jesus called on angels for help. An angel is a spiritual being created by God that has a special job to serve him. God has given each of us a guardian angel to protect and guide us all through life.

Pray

Dear Jesus, you know what it is like to be tempted. Help me to do the right thing especially when I am being tempted to something wrong. Each day, I can say this prayer to my Guardian Angel to help me:

“Angel of God, My guardian dear,
To Whom His love, commits me here.
Ever this day, be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.”

Discuss & Do

Sometimes we need to call on our Guardian Angel for help. Would you talk about a time when you were tempted to do something wrong and then listened to find out what God wanted you to do? How do you think Jesus helped you?

FEBRUARY 28, 2021 — Second Sunday of Lent

JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED

The Big Idea: God revealed Jesus to his followers so they would listen to him.

Learn

Read Bible passage: Mark 9:2-10 — Catholic Children's Bible, page 1545-1546

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain, where they were alone. As they looked on, a change came over Jesus, and his clothes became shining white—whiter than anyone in the world could wash them. Then the three disciples saw Elijah and Moses talking with Jesus. Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, "Teacher, how good it is that we are here! We will make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He and the others were so frightened that he did not know what to say.

Then a cloud appeared and covered them with its shadow, and a voice came from the cloud, "This is my own dear Son—listen to him!" They took a quick look around but did not see anyone else; only Jesus was with them.

As they came down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has risen from death."

They obeyed his order, but among themselves they started discussing the matter, "What does this 'rising from death' mean?"

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Did You Know?

Moses and Elijah were great prophets. They delivered messages directly from God to other people and lived many years before this story happened. Moses and Elijah listened to God, and helped God's people know and follow the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments are laws from God that tell us how to love God and others.

Watch Video — [The Transfiguration of Jesus Bible Story](#)

Pray

Dear Jesus, help me to listen and obey you so I can do the right things in my life.

Discuss & Do

This Bible story shows the disciples how special Jesus was and that they should listen and obey Jesus because he is the most important person ever.

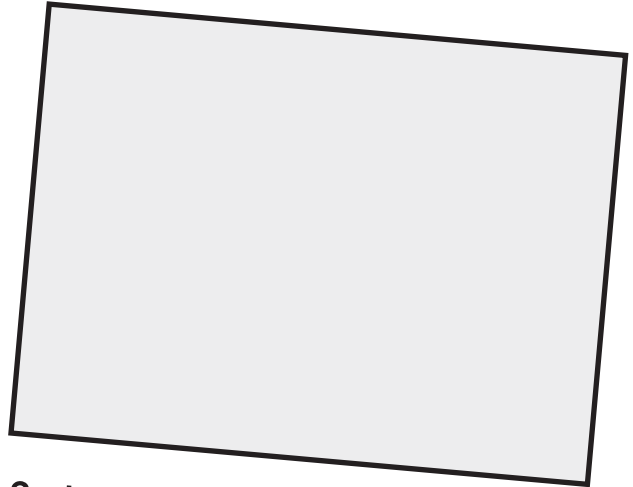
The next page includes a puzzle of Jesus' Transfiguration. After we put this puzzle together, let's go to a quiet place and practice listening to what God wants you to do today.

The Bright Light on the Mountain

This amazing true story was written down by three different Bible writers. You can read what they said in Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13 and Luke 9:28-37. *(Teacher instructions on page two).*



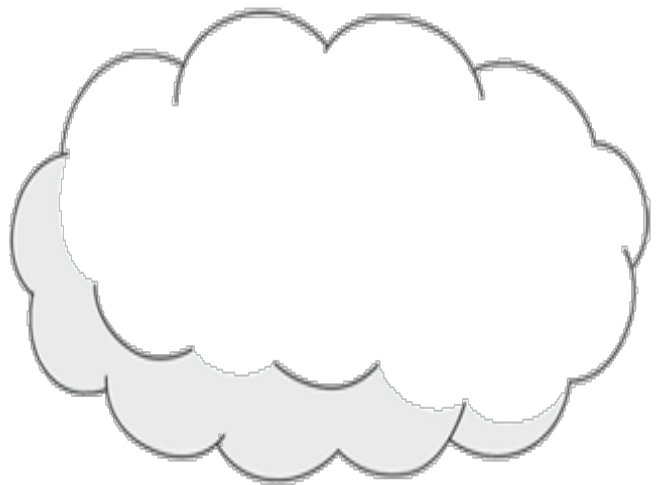
1. Peter, James and John walked up a mountain with Jesus. Jesus walked ahead of them.



2. Jesus walked ahead. Soon Peter, James and John saw a bright light. Jesus was glowing as bright as the sun and as white as lightening.



3. Two very important men who had lived long ago were inside the light with Jesus.



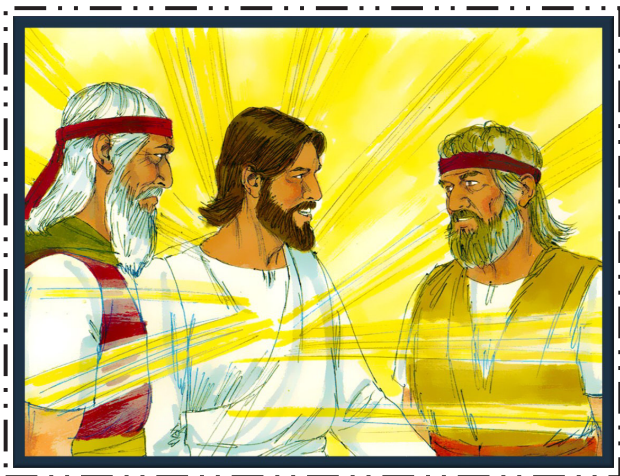
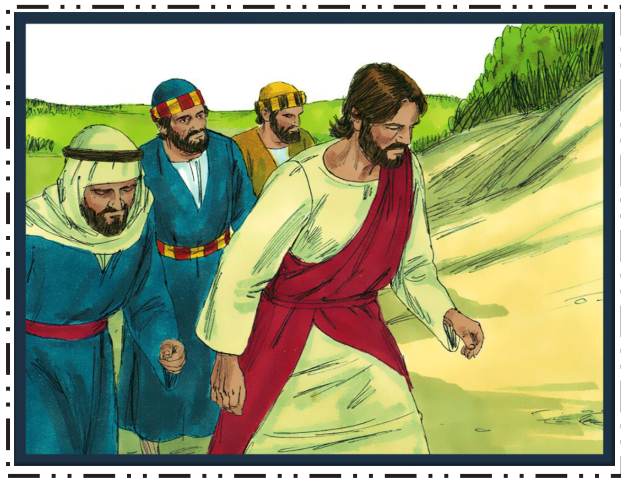
4. A big cloud came down on the mountain and Peter, James and John heard the voice of God coming from the cloud.



Page 2 Instructions:

Cut out these pictures (using the dotted lined as a guide). Glue the pictures into the blank squares on the first page. When teaching younger children cut pictures out beforehand. Older children can cut out their own.

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**“THIS IS MY SON,
WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN;
LISTEN TO HIM.”**

MARCH 7, 2021 — Third Sunday of Lent

JESUS DRIVES MONEYCHANGERS FROM THE TEMPLE

The Big Idea: Jesus shows that it is important to respect God and his church.

Learn

Read Bible passage: John 2:13-25 — Catholic Children’s Bible, page 1651

It was almost time for the Passover Festival, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. There in the Temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and pigeons, and also the moneychangers sitting at their tables.

So he made a whip from cords and drove all the animals out of the Temple, both the sheep and the cattle; he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and scattered their coins; and he ordered those who sold the pigeons, “Take them out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that the scripture says, “My devotion to your house, O God, burns in me like a fire.”

The Jewish authorities came back at him with a question, “What miracle can you perform to show us that you have the right to do this?”

Jesus answered, “Tear down this Temple, and in three days I will build it again.”

“Are you going to build it again in three days?” they asked him. “It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple!”

But the temple Jesus was speaking about was his body. So when he was raised from death, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and what Jesus had said.

While Jesus was in Jerusalem during the Passover Festival, many believed in him as they saw the miracles he performed. But Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew them all. There was no need for anyone to tell him about them, because he himself knew what was in their hearts.

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Watch Video — [Temple Cleansing](#)

Did You Know?

OLL Church was built 65 years ago. Churches are holy places where people pray and worship. Our church has many beautiful things inside that help us to honor God: candles, stained glass windows, statues of Mary and Joseph, and a large crucifix of Jesus. We act in ways that show respect when we are in church: genuflecting at a pew, making the Sign of the Cross, kneeling, and bowing before we receive Communion.

In the today’s Bible story, there were animals and moneychangers in the Temple. The Temple is the holy place in Jerusalem where the Jewish people worshiped God. Jesus was angry because they were not respecting their holy place.

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Pray

Dear Jesus, help me to always show respect for you, especially when I am in a church.

Discuss & Do

Name three ways you can show respect when you are inside church (hints: voice, clothing, paying attention, praying, not talking, etc.). What are you going to do more of the next time we go to church? Draw a picture of you and your family respecting God in Church.

MARCH 14, 2021 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

JESUS OFFERS ETERNAL LIFE

The Big Idea: Everyone who believes in Jesus can live happily with God forever.

Learn

Read Bible passage: John 3:14-21 — Catholic Children's Bible, page 1656

As Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the desert, in the same way the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior.

Those who believe in the Son are not judged; but those who do not believe have already been judged, because they have not believed in God's only Son.

This is how the judgment works: the light has come into the world, but people love the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds are evil. Those who do evil things hate the light and will not come to the light, because they do not want their evil deeds to be shown up. But those who do what is true come to the light in order that the light may show that what they did was in obedience to God.

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Did You Know?

That the verse ... "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life" is one of the most famous in the Bible? Sometimes you can see the Bible verse on billboards on the highway or even in a sports stadium.

God's only son is Jesus, and Jesus said that he will come back to bring his followers to God's house. God's house is in heaven, a place that is full of joy where you and I can live with him forever.

Pray

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us so much. You came to save us when we have done wrong. I am sorry for my mistakes and want to be your friend. Please come into my heart, so I can follow you and live in your goodness forever. Amen.

Discuss & Do

Find your favorite stuffed animal and bring it to where you are sitting. Then, on a piece of blank paper, draw and color a picture of what it would be like in heaven. Show your drawing to your stuffed animal and your mom and dad and talk to them about it.

MARCH 21, 2021 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

JESUS TALKS ABOUT HIS UPCOMING DEATH

The Big Idea: To serve Jesus, we must follow him.

Learn

Read Bible passage: John 12:20-33 — Catholic Children’s Bible, page 1683-1684

Some Greeks were among those who had gone to Jerusalem to worship during the festival. They went to Philip (he was from Bethsaida in Galilee) and said, “Sir, we want to see Jesus.”

Philip went and told Andrew, and the two of them went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has now come for the Son of Man to receive great glory. I am telling you the truth: a grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is dropped into the ground and dies. If it does die, then it produces many grains. Those who love their own life will lose it; those who hate their own life in this world will keep it for life eternal. Whoever wants to serve me must follow me, so that my servant will be with me where I am. And my Father will honor anyone who serves me.

“Now my heart is troubled—and what shall I say? Shall I say, ‘Father, do not let this hour come upon me’? But that is why I came—so that I might go through this hour of suffering. Father, bring glory to your name!”

Then a voice spoke from heaven, “I have brought glory to it, and I will do so again.”

The crowd standing there heard the voice, and some of them said it was thunder, while others said, “An angel spoke to him!”

But Jesus said to them, “It was not for my sake that this voice spoke, but for yours. Now is the time for this world to be judged; now the ruler of this world will be overthrown. When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me.” (In saying this he indicated the kind of death he was going to suffer.)

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Did You Know?

Jesus tells us in the Bible passage that whoever wants to serve him must follow him. This means doing what Jesus wants us to do. This also means sometimes we have to do things we do not want to do, but it will help ourselves or someone else and make the world better.

Pray

Dear Jesus, help me to do the things you want me to do whether I want to do them or not.

Discuss & Do

This week, do one thing that you do not want to do, but you know God wants you to do it. This could be helping your parents with a chore, cleaning up your room, putting in more effort on your homework, being nice to a sibling, or something else. By serving others, you serve Jesus. What are you going to do?

MARCH 28, 2021 — Palm Sunday

THE STORY OF HOW JESUS SUFFERS AND DIES

The Big Idea: Jesus has the power to help us in difficult times.

Learn

Read Bible passage: Mark 15:1-39 — Catholic Children’s Bible, page 1564-1565

Early in the morning the chief priests met hurriedly with the elders, the teachers of the Law, and the whole Council, and made their plans. They put Jesus in chains, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Jesus answered, “So you say.”

The chief priests were accusing Jesus of many things, so Pilate questioned him again, “Aren’t you going to answer? Listen to all their accusations!”

Again Jesus refused to say a word, and Pilate was amazed.

At every Passover Festival Pilate was in the habit of setting free any one prisoner the people asked for. At that time a man named Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder in the riot. When the crowd gathered and began to ask Pilate for the usual favor, he asked them, “Do you want me to set free for you the king of the Jews?” He knew very well that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him because they were jealous.

But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to ask, instead, that Pilate set Barabbas free for them. Pilate spoke again to the crowd, “What, then, do you want me to do with the one you call the king of the Jews?”

They shouted back, “Crucify him!”

“But what crime has he committed?” Pilate asked.

They shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!”

Pilate wanted to please the crowd, so he set Barabbas free for them. Then he had Jesus whipped and handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers took Jesus inside to the courtyard of the governor’s palace and called together the rest of the company. They put a purple robe on Jesus, made a crown out of thorny branches, and put it on his head. Then they began to salute him: “Long live the King of the Jews!” They beat him over the head with a stick, spat on him, fell on their knees, and bowed down to him. When they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes back on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

On the way they met a man named Simon, who was coming into the city from the country, and the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus’ cross. (Simon was from Cyrene and was the father of Alexander and Rufus.) They took Jesus to a place called Golgotha,

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which means “The Place of the Skull.” There they tried to give him wine mixed with a drug called myrrh, but Jesus would not drink it. Then they crucified him and divided his clothes among themselves, throwing dice to see who would get which piece of clothing. It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. The notice of the accusation against him said: “The King of the Jews.” They also crucified two bandits with Jesus, one on his right and the other on his left.

People passing by shook their heads and hurled insults at Jesus: “Aha! You were going to tear down the Temple and build it back up in three days! Now come down from the cross and save yourself!”

In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the Law made fun of Jesus, saying to one another, “He saved others, but he cannot save himself! Let us see the Messiah, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him!”

And the two who were crucified with Jesus insulted him also.

At noon the whole country was covered with darkness, which lasted for three hours. At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud shout, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why did you abandon me?”

Some of the people there heard him and said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah!” One of them ran up with a sponge, soaked it in cheap wine, and put it on the end of a stick. Then he held it up to Jesus’ lips and said, “Wait! Let us see if Elijah is coming to bring him down from the cross!”

With a loud cry Jesus died.

The curtain hanging in the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The army officer who was standing there in front of the cross saw how Jesus had died. “This man was really the Son of God!” he said..

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Watch Video — [The Story of Easter \(Jesus’ Sacrifice\)](#)

Did You Know?

Jesus suffered very much before he died. Many people did not believe Jesus was really the Son of God, until he rose from the dead on Easter. Then, they saw that he could conquer death and live again. That is so amazing! Today, even though we cannot see Jesus, he still has immense power in our lives and wants to share it with us.

Pray

Dear Jesus, you know what is like to be human and to be hurt. Because you are the Son of God, you can do all things. Help me to pray to you when I am hurting to help me deal with what is bothering me and to give me peace. Amen.

Discuss & Do

As your parent, do you know that I have had times in my life that have been hard for me? I would like to tell you about a time when I reached out to Jesus to help me. Now, let’s talk about a situation that is hard or bothering you. How can you call on Jesus to help you?