

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Matthew 17:1-13

Session Summary

Jesus and three disciples went up a high mountain and none of the disciples could have imagined what they were about to see. When they reached the peak of the mountain, Jesus was “transfigured in front of them” (v. 2). While we can't know every detail about this significant moment, the passage states that “his face shone like the sun” and “his clothes became as white as light.” When the disciples heard the thunderous voice of God from a bright cloud, Matthew tells us that they fell face down and were terrified. This passage makes it clear why Jesus is far greater than Moses, Elijah, and John the Baptist.

Conversation Questions

- What would it have been like to be in the disciples' shoes for the transfiguration?
- How is Jesus completely different than anyone from earth?
- When was the last time we were in awe over who Jesus is?
- How does this passage lead us to share about Jesus with others?

Family Challenge

Give each person a sheet of paper and set a timer for thirty seconds. When the timer starts, ask everyone to write down as many people in the Bible as they can remember. Whoever has the most (and accurate) names listed wins! After the game, discuss how Jesus is far greater than even the best people on your lists like Elijah, Moses, and John the Baptist.