

Sola Publishing Children's Message Transfiguration Sunday – Year A		SOLA 
Transfiguration		
Readings	1) Exodus 24:8-18 2) 2 Peter 1:16-21 3) Matthew 17:1-9	
Scripture Focus	Matthew 17:1-9	
Take Away	Sunglasses for the kids	
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Inexpensive sunglasses can be found at Oriental Trading, any party supply store, or even Walmart's party section. Have someone speak for God so the kids don't know where it's coming from. Illustrations can be found here: https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/gnpi-057-transfiguration/	
Message Today is a very special day. It's called TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY. (If the kids are young: Can you say that word?) Transfiguration means to change; to be transfigured is to change in some way. It's the day that Jesus showed a few disciples that He was part of God. I have something for you today. You may need them. [Pass out the sunglasses. To the congregation: you may need to shield your eyes.] One day, Jesus took His special friends, Peter, James, and John, up a mountain to pray. They walked a long way. Up, up, up they went. They all stopped and started to pray, when something totally unexpected happened! They looked up at Jesus, and his face changed. [What do you do when you're outside and the sun is very bright? Time to put the sunglasses on. Congregation: Don't forget to shield your eyes.] The disciples were very tired from that long walk, but when this started, they woke up fast! Jesus' face became as bright as the sun, and His clothes started to glow as bright as a flash of lightning. It was so bright that they had to shield their eyes, and then they couldn't believe what they saw. Moses and Elijah, from the Old Testament stories, appeared and stood there talking to Jesus! Peter was amazed and afraid, but knew deep in his heart that Jesus was the Son of God. When Moses and Elijah left, he asked Jesus if he should put up 3 tents for them so they could all stay there together. Before he even finished asking the question, a very bright cloud came down around them, and something unbelievable happened. God spoke to them! He said, [bold from microphone]: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. [Everyone looks around as if they're not sure where it came from.] Then the cloud disappeared. You can take your sunglasses off now. Peter, James, and John couldn't believe what they just seen and heard. They fell on their faces and were terrified, but Jesus went over and touched them and said, "Get up. Don't be afraid. It's time to go." As they were walking down the mountain, the disciples were quietly thinking about what happened. For sure, they knew Jesus was God's Son now. Jesus then said, "Don't tell anybody what you saw until the Son of Man rises from the dead."		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, You are the Son of God! We are so glad that you came to earth to save us. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen	