

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



2nd Sunday of Lent

25 February 2024 - Year B

“This is my beloved Son.”

Something to Think About

Imagine you are sitting on the top of a mountain.

What can you see? What do you hear? What can you smell? How do you feel?

The Story

In today's gospel, Jesus takes his closest friends with him and goes up a mountain where they can be alone and pray. Jesus is transformed right before their eyes, and his clothes became shining white.

Moses and Elijah, who lived long before Jesus, appear from heaven beside Jesus.

A cloud passes over everyone on the mountain, and the voice of God comes from the cloud saying, “This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to what he says.”

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him.

They 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 had 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. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Click to watch the video: [The Transfiguration of Jesus](#)



Group Discussion

When we take time to pray and reflect we often understand things in new ways.

Think about what you know about yourself now, that you didn't know when you were younger.

Praying For Others

Leader: Gathered as one with all creation, let us pray for the needs of the world:

Reader 1: We pray for the Church and for world leaders. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for those who care for the environment. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for those who teach us about Jesus. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for those who are frightened or worried today. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray that we will listen to Jesus speaking in our hearts. Lord hear us.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear God,
Thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus.
Help us to listen to what he says and
let his words transform our lives.
Amen.

Group Activity

A Voice in the Clouds

*You will need: a cloud template for each child,
cotton wool, glue*

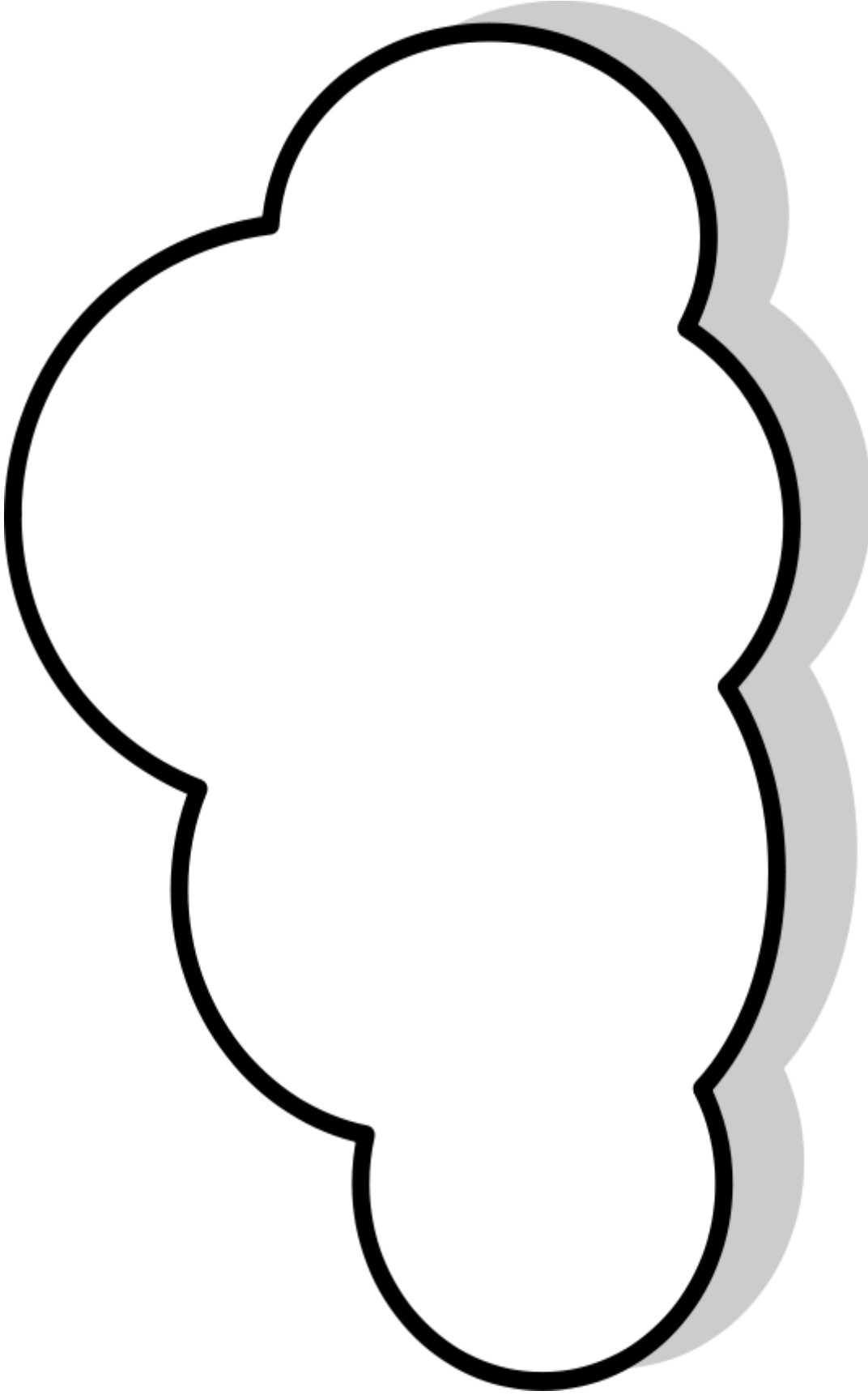
Read the scripture quote on the template sheet with the children.

Ask them if they remember who spoke these words in the gospel story.

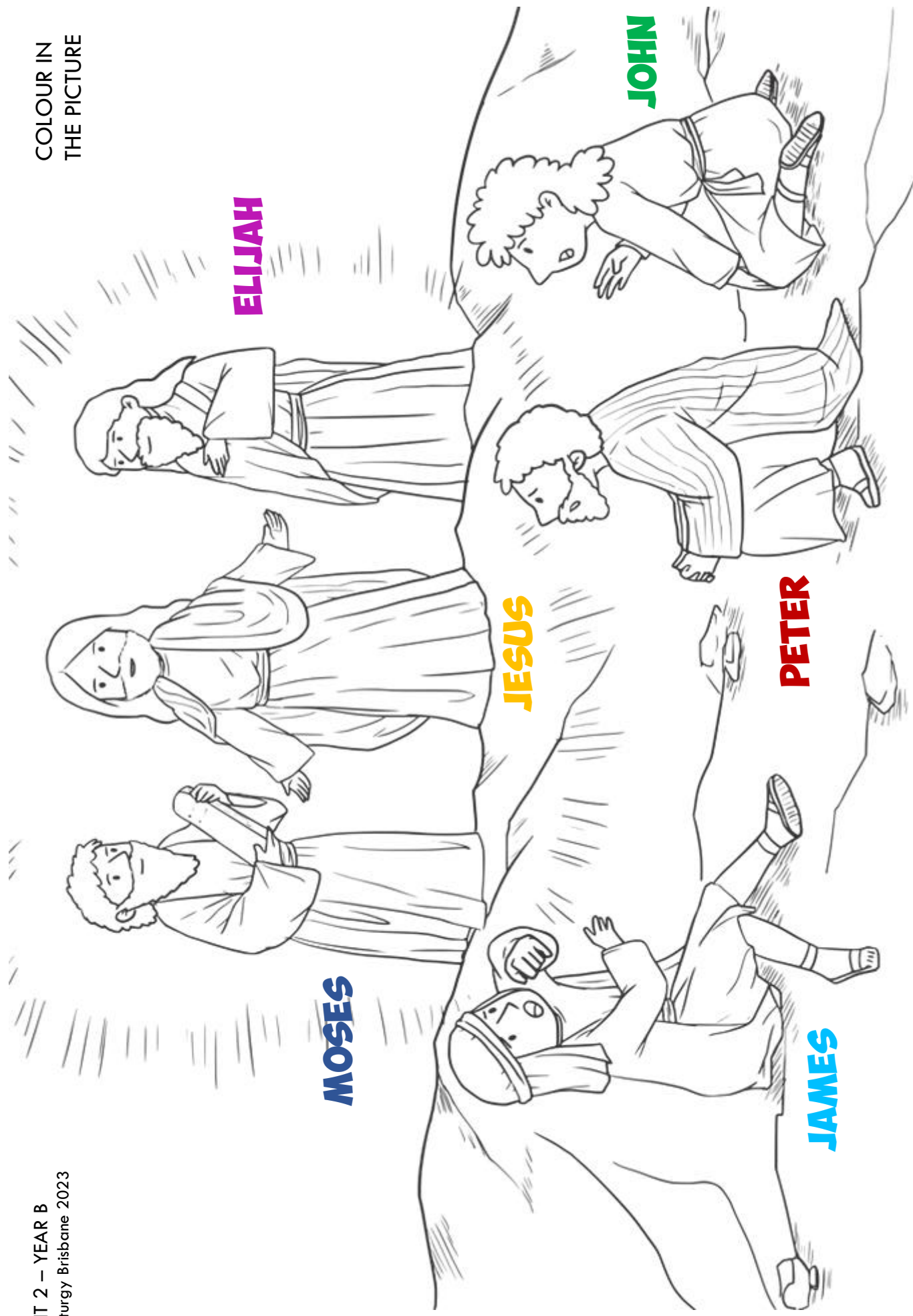
Children cover their cloud with glue and then stick on the cotton wool.

Older children may like to colour in the letters of the scripture quote.





“This is my Son, and I love him.
Listen to what he says.”



THREE DISCIPLES HAD A VISION – JESUS WAS COMPLETELY CHANGED

ONE DAY, ON A HIGH MOUNTAIN, JESUS' CLOTHES BECAME BRILLIANTLY WHITE AND LIGHT SHONE AROUND HIM.