LESSON 22

JESUS SPEAKS TO MOSES



Aim: **To show the children that Jesus is greater than Moses: He is the Son of God.**

Scripture Reading: **Luke 9:22-36**

Memory Verse: **Luke 9:35**
A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."

Presenting the Lesson

Starting Point

Describe what happens when there is an important holiday or event in town, like graduation day at the university or a national holiday. Everyone goes to watch, there may be a band playing and important people making speeches. Important things may be said in the speeches.

Main Points of Today's Teaching

1. Jesus had important things to tell his disciples, but they did not listen very well. One day he took three of them up a mountain away from the crowds so that he could teach them and pray with them. Peter, James and John, the three disciples, were tired and very sleepy (v 28, 32).
2. While Jesus was praying his appearance changed. Perhaps this is what he looks like when he is in heaven in all his glory.
3. Moses and Elijah came and talked to Jesus about his coming death, resurrection and ascension. **Show picture 22.**
   Say briefly who these men were: Moses gave the people God's rules of life, the Ten Commandments. Elijah also was a great prophet, a teacher of God. He once stood alone against hundreds of God's enemies (1 Ki 18).
4. Peter, James and John woke up to this wonderful scene. Peter wanted to keep everyone there, so he suggested building every one of them a house. But Jesus, like Moses, didn't stay on the mountain. **Show picture 19.** When Moses came down from Mount Sinai he gave the Israelites God's commandments to show them how God wanted them to live. When Jesus came down from that mountain he was going to die for the whole world to show us the only way of salvation from sin and death.
5. Then a cloud appeared and God spoke from within it, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him" (v 34-35). Jesus is far greater than Moses. He is the Lord of all.

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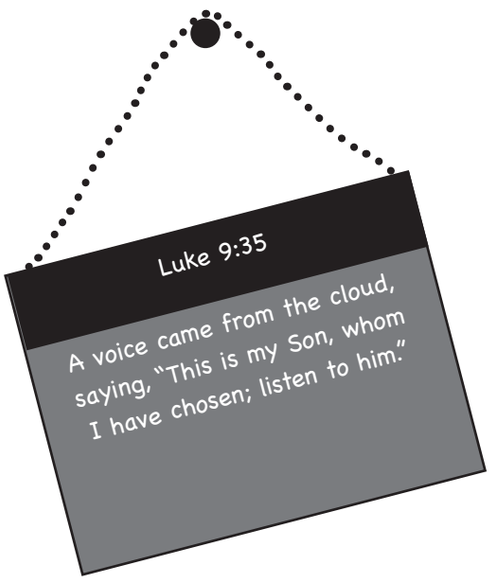


Our Response to the Story

The people of Israel had to listen to Moses in the desert as he led them safely from Egypt to the borders of the Promised Land. But now someone greater than Moses had come: God told the disciples to listen to Jesus. This command is directed at us as well, for we are also Jesus' disciples. How do we listen to Jesus? He speaks to us through the word of God: Hold up your Bible for all to see. Come to Sunday school and hear what the Bible teaches.

This lesson can be used to introduce a system of daily Bible reading, such as Daily Guide by Scripture Union.

Instil the Memory Verse



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