LESSON 24

MOSES AND ELIJAH APPEAR WITH JESUS



Aim: **To show the children that the great servants of God were pointing us to Jesus by their example.**

Scripture Reading: **Luke 9:18-20, 28-36; Philippians 2:5-11**

Memory Verse: **Psalm 1 and 121 Review the complete Psalms.**

Presenting the Lesson

Starting point

When a baby is born everyone tries to see which member of the family the baby resembles. This continues as the child grows. People keep saying he or she resembles this or that family member.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. Jesus asked his disciples who people thought he was. They replied that when people looked at the things Jesus did, they said Jesus reminded them of Elijah or another of God's great prophets (Lk 9:18-19).
2. Then Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain so they could be alone to pray. As Jesus prayed his face and clothes changed. Perhaps as he talked with God the Father, Jesus the Son became more like he is in heaven (9:28-29).
3. The disciples, surprisingly, had fallen asleep! They woke up to see Moses and Elijah talking to Jesus about his coming death in Jerusalem (9:30-32). **Show Picture 24.**
4. Peter wanted this conversation to continue for ever. Therefore he suggested that they build Moses, Elijah and Jesus each a shelter so they could stay there (9:33). But that was impossible. Moses' and Elijah's work on earth as God's servants was finished. Perhaps they had come to encourage Jesus, God's Son and most perfect servant, in the difficult task that lay before him.
5. Then a cloud wrapped itself around them, and Peter and the other disciples became afraid. God spoke to them from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him" (9:34-35).

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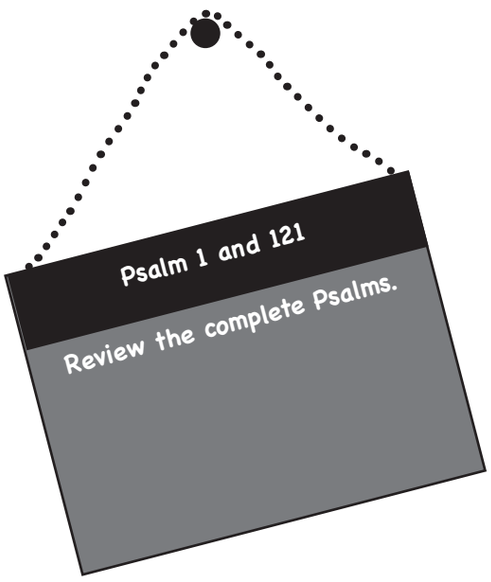


Our Response to the Story

God's message lived in the hearts of Peter, James and John. They remembered his words, obeyed them and wrote them down for us to obey and pass on. Jesus, who served God perfectly, sacrificed his life to redeem the sins of all people. But he rose from the dead and lives for ever.

Everybody is invited to believe in Jesus, become part of God's family and live with him for ever. Listen to Jesus' call and accept his invitation into his family. And remember: people will see whose family we belong to by looking at whom we resemble. Let us resemble our Father in heaven (Phil 2:5–11).

Instil the Memory Verse



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