

# Kids' Chronicle

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## Jesus is bathed in light

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When Jesus was alone with his disciples, he told them, "If anyone wants to be one of my followers, he must carry his own cross every day. If anyone is ashamed of me and my teaching, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when returns in the glory of God accompanied by angels."

Jesus knew his friends did not completely understand what he had said, but there would be many such things that he would have to tell them. He knew they would understand better at a later time.

After a week had passed, Jesus walked to one of his favorite places to pray, at the top of a wooded hill. Very few people traveled here, and Jesus knew he would not be interrupted. Peter, James, and John were with him this time.

Jesus prayed for a long time and his disciples had fallen asleep. As Jesus prayed his clothes glowed with the brightness of a white sun. A beacon of pure light shined on him and illuminated his face and the ground reflected the light like a mirror.

Then the figures of two men appeared within the light: Elijah and Moses. The two prophets told Jesus that in order for God's word to be completed, he must suffer at the hands of unbelievers in Jerusalem and be killed by them.

The three disciples woke up and saw the vision of Jesus, Elijah, and Moses. They looked at each other to see if they all saw the same thing.

Peter then called out to Jesus. "My Lord, we will erect three tents for you and the prophets."

Immediately an enormous cloud cov-

ered the three disciples with a shadow that engulfed them in almost total darkness. A deep, booming voice declared from the cloud, "This is my beloved son. He has pleased me. Hear his words."

The disciples knelt down in terror and shivered in fear.

"Do not be afraid," Jesus said.

The cloud and its shadow were gone, as were the two prophets. And Jesus was no longer changed by the light. James, Peter, and John rose cautiously.

"Do not tell anyone what you have seen here today," Jesus said.

The disciples promised that they would keep the vision to themselves.

"I will soon be brought before the political authorities," Jesus continued. "They will sentence me to death and kill me. But after three days I will return."



Illustration by Kathy Welsh

Again the disciples did not understand the mysterious words of Jesus, and they were too afraid to ask him to explain.

John tried to cover his fear by changing the subject.

"Master, we have seen other men cast out devils using your name," John said. "We order them to stop, because they are not one of us."

"Do not try to stop such men," Jesus said calmly. "Whoever does not oppose you is one of your supporters. Treat them as if they were your brothers and sisters."

Read more about it: Luke 9

## Q&A

1. Why did Jesus climb the hill?
2. Who did the disciples see with Jesus?



## Bible Accent

In the Old Testament God chose certain people to deliver his messages to the Israelites. We call these messengers "prophets," from an ancient Greek word meaning "someone who is chosen."

One of the most important prophets was Moses, because God used him to deliver the major laws of the Israelites. The Ten Commandments were part of these laws. A section of the Old Testament is devoted to the laws given to Moses and the words of the prophets.

The prophets gave instructions, commands, or warnings, or they would foretell events which had not yet taken place. Revelation, the last book of the New Testament, is a book of the prophecies of John.

## St. Hyacinth

Saint Hyacinth was the son of a high ranking Polish nobleman. He was educated in the best schools of twelfth century Europe. While studying in Rome, he met Saint Dominic and was inspired to become a Dominican monk himself. He traveled across the world, preaching the gospel wherever he went. Legends attribute many miracles to him. He denounced his wealthy upbringing and lived a life of poverty. We honor him on August 15.

## Match the Prophets

Match the prophets with their deeds or prophecies. "ch" means the number of the chapter of that prophet's book. Answers found on page 8.

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| 1. Isaiah healed this king. (ch. 38)           | a. fruit             |
| 2. Jeremiah saw how many figs? (ch. 2)         | b. eagles and grapes |
| 3. Ezekiel told a parable about them. (ch. 17) | c. a scroll          |
| 4. Daniel saw four of these. (ch. 7)           | d. a fish            |
| 5. What did Amos see in the basket? (ch. 7)    | e. two baskets full  |
| 6. Jonah was swallowed by this. (ch. 1)        | f. Hezekiah          |
| 7. Zechariah saw this fly (ch. 5)              | g. beasts            |



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Last month's winner was Colleen MacEwan, a sixth-grade student at Brockport's Oliver Middle School. In response to the question **What can we do to show God that we are good neighbors?** she wrote:

We can show God that we are good neighbors by caring and loving each other, visiting people who are sick and cheering them up if they are sad. Helping someone who has lost something can show that we are good neighbors. Smiling to someone who looks sad can help. If someone is on a trip and they cannot get their mail, you can be a good neighbor by saving their mail for them. Of course, when they get back, you will give their mail to them.

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