

# Kids' Chronicle

## Jesus is transfigured in divine glory

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Jesus found Peter, James and John and said to them, "Come with me, there is something I want to tell you." The three men immediately stopped what they were doing and followed Jesus. They walked several miles until they came to a high mountain and they walked up a path until they were close to the top of it. "We can rest here," Jesus said.

As soon as Jesus had spoken his appearance was changed in front of his friends. His clothes glowed whiter than any bleach could ever have made them. Then two men could be seen standing with Jesus and talking to him. One was Moses, who led the Israelites out of the slavery of Egypt into the Promised Land. The other was Elijah, the great prophet. Peter, James and John were as frightened by what was happening in front of them as if ghosts had haunted them.

"Lord, here is what we will do," Peter said. "We will set up three tents. There will be one for you, one for Elijah and one for Moses."

As soon as Peter had spoken, a thick cloud formed in the sky above them. Its shadow was so dark, it was like nighttime. Peter, James and John stayed close to each other in their time of fear. Then a voice spoke out of the cloud.

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

And then, as quickly as everything had happened, there remained only Peter, James, John and Jesus on a moun-



Illustration by Linda Jeanne Rivers

tain on a sunny afternoon.

Jesus spoke to them to reassure them that there was nothing to be afraid of. "I know you do not understand what has happened. Believe in me, and everything will be explained at the proper time. But, for now, do not tell anyone else what you saw and heard today. Once the Son of Man has died and conquered death, then you may speak freely."

The disciples did not know what Jesus meant, so they were happy to keep

silent. But they did have a question to ask Jesus. "Why is it the scribes say Elijah must return?"

Jesus answered, "Elijah has been charged with bringing everything back to order. It is also written that the Son of Man will suffer at the hands of men and he will be treated with disrespect. And I can also tell you that Elijah has already returned and they have treated him as they wanted to, just as it was written."

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## Q&A

1. What did the disciples see that frightened them?
2. What did Jesus say about the Son of Man?

## Bible Accent

Vatican City, usually referred to simply as "the Vatican," is a small, independent state within the larger city of Rome, Italy. The Vatican is the home of the pope, and it also houses some of the most important administrative offices of the church.

St. Peter's Basilica, with its beautiful dome, was built in the fourth century and is one of the world's most famous Christian churches. In the Vatican museums are paintings, sculptures and other works of art by some of the greatest artists in history, including Raphael, Leonardo da Vinci, and Michelangelo. The Vatican library and archives contain many important religious manuscripts, documents, and books about the history and development of our faith, the church, its doctrines and its origins in biblical lands. The Vatican is a religious and a cultural treasure.

## St. Clelia Barbieri

Clelia Mary Rachel Barbieri was born in Italy in 1847 to poor parents who lived contentedly by God's teachings in spite of their financial hardships. After the death of her father, Clelia had to go to work to help her mother. She continued her religious studies and became a catechist, or religion teacher, to other girls in the parish.

By the time she was 21, Clelia had earned the trust of her priest, gained the support of other women, and had founded the Little Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows. She is the youngest person in church history to establish such a congregation. Clelia spent the next two years after that, which were to be the last of her short life, teaching and praying. She died from illness in 1870 and was canonized in 1989. We honor her on July 13.

## Puzzle

Match the Bible quotes with the correct references.

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| 1. All have sinned. ____               | a. Luke 22:19      |
| 2. I stand at the door and knock. ____ | b. John 19:30      |
| 3. Come to me. ____                    | c. Luke 2:14       |
| 4. Do this in memory of me. ____       | d. Mark 16:15      |
| 5. For God so loved the world. ____    | e. John 3:16       |
| 6. Glory to God in the highest. ____   | f. Matthew 11:28   |
| 7. Go into the whole world. ____       | g. Romans 3:23     |
| 8. It is finished. ____                | h. Revelation 3:20 |

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## Bible Trivia

What do we call the union of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit?  
Send Answer to: Catholic Courier Bible Trivia, P.O. Box 24379,  
Rochester, NY 14624. Please include your name, address and school name.  
All entries must be received by Aug. 3, 2000. The winner for last month's question was Daniel E. Jones, a student at Harrisville Central School, Lewis County, and formerly of Tioga County. In answer to What is the name of the Bible book in which God used his disciples to heal people after Jesus had gone to heaven, he wrote Acts (of the Apostles).

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