

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

(PRESCHOOL)

WEEK 2

BIG IDEA

Jesus shows me the truth.

BIBLE

The Transfiguration of Jesus: Mark 9:2-9

WELCOME TIME

MUSIC | Worship Warm-Ups

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Consider creating a fun worship environment by playing a worship playlist as kids walk in or play freely before your program begins. We recommend [these songs of silliness!](#)

ACTIVITY | Follow the Light

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Dim the lights in the classroom and use an LED flashlight aimed at the floor for the kids to chase and try to tag. You could also let kids take turns controlling the flashlight for their friends.
- The light is easy to find and follow because it is the brightest thing in the room. Today's Bible story is going to tell about a time when Jesus was shining so brightly and his friends got to see who Jesus really was!

TEACHING TIME

SCRIPTURE | Mark 9:2-9

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Hold a Bible in your lap as you tell the Bible story. Prepare an extra large white t-shirt or blanket you can drape on as you tell the story.*
- Today, we are going to climb up to the top of a great, big mountain. Everyone pretend to climb with me! (*Make arm and leg movements to imitate climbing.*) Wow! We are way high up here.
- Jesus went up a high mountain, too, with three of his friends – Peter, James, and John. One, two, three, four of them went up the mountain . . . then, something amazing happened.
- Everyone close your eyes. No peeking! (*Quickly put on white shirt or blanket.*) All of a sudden, Jesus' clothes became so bright! It looked like Jesus was shining! Did you notice that my clothes changed, too? Were you surprised? **Can you show me your surprised face?** Jesus' friends were very surprised, too!
- Then there came a voice from the heavens. **Can you point to which direction that is?** That's right, it came from above. The voice was God's. God spoke in a loud voice so that Peter, James, and John could hear. God said, "This is my Son. Listen to Jesus." Then, Jesus' friends knew the truth about Jesus – that Jesus is God's Son!

THE BIG IDEA | Jesus shows me the truth.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Create [a pennant banner](#) like last week. Write one word of the Big Idea on each triangle. Hang it up backwards before the kids arrive, then flip it over for the Big Idea reveal. Use the pom-poms from last week or add some noisemakers.*
- Let's shout out today's Big Idea cheer: **Jesus shows me the truth!**

VIDEO | Challenge Accepted, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's preschool [teaching video](#).*

PRAYER

- Dear God, thank you for giving us your son, Jesus. Thank you for showing us the truth. Help us be like you and always try to tell the truth, too. Amen.

DISCUSSION TIME

SNACK |

- **INSTRUCTIONS:**-*Suggested discussion questions during snack time*
- **What was today's Big Idea?**
- **Do you remember the names of Jesus' friends?**
- In basketball, five players from each team play at a time. Let's pretend you were on the mountain with Jesus and his friends. That would be a total of five people, right?
- **What would you would have done if you saw Jesus shining brightly on the mountain?**

ACTIVITY | Find the Truth

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Write the letters of the word "TRUTH" on five golf balls with permanent marker. Mix them in with about a dozen other blank balls inside a large, shallow bin. Have kids dig through to find all the balls that have a letter on them. Help them arrange them in the correct order. Have garbage bags ready to put over their clothes prior to start.
- Peter, James, and John learned the truth about Jesus on the mountain. They always knew Jesus was special and powerful, but that night they knew for sure that Jesus is God's son, because they heard it straight from God!
- We need to always look for the truth. That also means that we need to tell the truth. When you're not sure where to start, start with praying to Jesus. **Jesus shows me the truth.**

MEMORY VERSE | I John 5:5 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Practice this month's memory verse with the signs (a combination of SEE and ASL) we've provided. Have kids practice saying the words that go along with each sign.

PLAY TIME

ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Provide this week's coloring page and some crayons or markers. Review today's Bible story and Big Idea as the kids color. Optional: Have kids use a white crayon to color Jesus' clothes. Then give them watercolors to paint over Jesus and the rest of the picture.

ACTIVITY | Uniform Change

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Gather a few sports gear items (i.e., jerseys, uniforms, and equipment). Have kids try on some of the different uniforms as you

remind them about today's story.

- Sometimes, what you wear tells people more about you. When Jesus' clothes changed on the mountain, it showed that Jesus was God's son.

What do these different uniforms tell you? What sport would you play with these uniforms?