

## Yr 2 Transfiguration of Christ Lesson, Mt. 17:1-9

### **Opening Prayer:**

+ In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen (3X)

+ В Ім'я Отця і Сина, і Святого Духа, АМІНЬ (3X)

*Spend some time talking about the way we hold our hands when we make the sign of the cross. The thumb and two fingers together symbolize the Trinity and the two fingers in the palm of the hand symbolize the two natures of Christ - human and divine (God) which is the focus of today's lesson. To learn a little more about the two natures of Christ read - [Christ Our Pascha Para. 183](#). You can show a video of Marilyn the Catechetical puppet about the sign of the cross [here](#).*

**Gospel:** [Mt. 17:1-9](#) - Click here to read the Gospel or listen to it here:

[For younger children](#) - click here. [For Older children](#) -click here or watch a Lego video presentation of the Gospel [here](#).

**Lesson:** Jesus is human and divine (God).

What happened to Jesus when they got to the top of the mountain? His face shone and his clothes turned a bright, shining white! This showed that he was more than human He was God too! What did God the Father say? “This is my Son, listen to Him.”

Who was Jesus talking to? Moses and Elijah. Who were they? Moses was a holy man that led the people out of Egypt long before Jesus was born and Elijah was a prophet who lived long before Jesus too! How do you think Jesus knew them if they lived so long before him? Because he is God! Jesus always was and forever will be with the Father and the Holy Spirit. He is the Word - See [John 1:1-18](#)

So, we learned today that Jesus really is human and at the same time He really is God! This is a mystery that we can't really understand, but that's OK. God is so amazing that we just know that we can not ever fully understand everything about Him. But we do know that we must listen to what He tells us – discuss what He tells us to do: in our conscience, in Scripture, through the church.

Right now, when we celebrate this special feast day (Aug. 6) the first fruits are beginning to ripen. Discuss all the fruits and vegetables that the children might be eating from their or other people's gardens right now. God gives us fruits and vegetables to nourish us and especially He gave us His Son! To say a special thank you to God we bring these first fruits to him to be blessed. This practice began with the Jews who were instructed by God, at the beginning of the exodus: “You must bring the best of the first-fruits of your soil to the house of the Lord, your God.” (Ex. 23:19).

Read more about it [here](#).

**Craft:** Jesus Stained Glass Light Catcher Craft

**In Church:** Watch as the priest blesses the fruit and think of all the wonderful things that God has given you. Say a special thank you prayer.