

Yr 2 Transfiguration Parents' Cheat Sheet

Matthew 17: 1-9

1. What happened to Jesus when the group got to the top of the mountain?

His face shone and his clothes turned a bright and shining white! This showed that he was more than human. He was God too! This was just a tiny glimpse of the Glory of God. Something that we as humans could not fathom in its fullness. Remember what God the Father said? This is my Son. In our class today we talked about how when we make the sign of the cross we hold our first two fingers and thumb together to symbolize the Trinity and the last two fingers lay in the palm of our hand close together to represent the two natures of Christ – he was fully human and he was fully divine(God) at the same time. Check out [paragraph 183](#) in Christ Our Pascha to read a bit more about the two natures of Christ.

2. Who were the 2 men with Jesus and how did they know each other?

Moses and Elijah. We know that Moses was a holy man that led the people out of Egypt long before Jesus was born on earth and Elijah was a prophet who lived long before Jesus was incarnated too! Jesus knew them because he is God! Jesus always was and forever will be with the Father and the Holy Spirit. He is the Word. This is very clear in [John 1:1-18](#).

3. Why do we bless fruit on this Holy Day?

At this time when we celebrate this special feast day the first fruits are beginning to ripen. Discuss all the fruits and vegetables that you might be eating from your own or other people's gardens right now. God gives us fruits and vegetable to nourish us. Of course, most importantly He gave us His Son. To say a special thank you to God for all that he gives us 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.](#)

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