

# LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: THE TRANSFIGURATION

Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36



## KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

**TRANSFIGURATION**

**PROPHET**

**THE LAW**

**MOSES**

**ELIJAH**



Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

## PRAYER TIME

Open your phone book to “churches” in the yellow pages. Write the names of other worshipping communities in your area. If your area listing is large, include various Christian denominations and a sampling of other faiths—Judaism, Muslim, Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Sikhism, and so forth. Use this prayer to pray for each worshipping body on your list:

**God of all, we pray for all our brothers and sister, especially \_\_\_\_\_ (insert names from list). Despite our differences, may we work together for the good of all people. Amen**

## TALK TIME

- The transfiguration scene is rather mysterious. What other things in the Bible are hard to understand or even accept?
- It was not a coincidence that Moses, the giver of the law, and Elijah, a prophet, were on the mountaintop with Jesus. Jesus was the fulfillment of both the law and the prophets, the one for whom generations had waited. In what ways do you think Jesus was a surprise?
- Christians spend a lot of time publicly debating, disagreeing, and outright fighting with each other. Starting with love, how can beliefs held in common overcome areas where we differ?

## WEB TIME

Turn to page 67 in *The Lutheran Handbook*. Select five world religions about which you know very little. Search the Web for information about their beliefs, history, and members. What do they have in common with Christianity? What things are different? Avoid Web sites that have a bias against a particular faith.

## RITUAL TIME

God’s command to the disciples was to listen to Jesus. We live in a very loud world that makes listening difficult, particularly listening to Jesus. Challenge your family to an hour of silence with all technology turned off, including phones, computer, TV, and music. Begin and end your hour in prayer.