



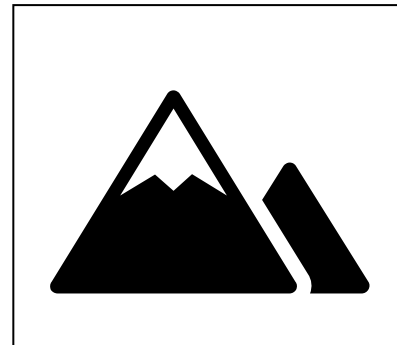
Welcome from St Mark's Lutheran Church in Aurora, IL. We miss seeing all of you in-person but we know you will have so much fun with this **Faith @home VBS** this week.

Day 4: Jesus Transfigured Mountain Top Visitors

DAY 4 - Even when we are confused, GOD IS WITH US

Supplies needed

- Children's Bible or Story Bible
- Fort supplies (blankets/old sheets/chairs, etc)
- Optional:
 - 1 cup butter
 - 1 cup powdered sugar
 - 2 tsp vanilla
 - 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - ½ tsp salt
 - 3 oz cream cheese
 - 1 cup powdered sugar
 - 2 tbsp cornstarch, almond or coconut flour
 - 1 tsp vanilla
 - ½ cup finely chopped pecans OR ½ cup mini chocolate chips
 - ½ cup sweetened shredded coconut
 - ½ cup semisweet chocolate chips
 - 2 tbsp butter
 - 2 tbsp hot water
 - ½ cup powdered sugar



Remember to post pictures of your crafts, your story time, your active play or even your dance time in the St Mark's Aurora Family Group!

Post questions, comments, suggestions as you go through the week – other families may be doing this at their own pace and would love to hear feedback along the way!



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Bible Story: Luke 9:28-36

Read the verses in the right-hand box aloud (or use children's story Bible and look for the story of the Jesus Transfiguration). Then use these discussion questions:

- Who would you be excited to suddenly see?
- What things are important to pay attention to?
- How would you have reacted to seeing Jesus transfigured, and to see Moses and Elijah as well?
- Why do you think the disciples wanted to build houses for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah?
- What would you want inside a house on a mountain?

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Craft Idea

Build your own mountain house (aka a Fort). Use blankets, sheets, chairs, etc to create a space you can spend time in. Create a sign/name plate for your mountain house. *Bonus points if you read a book or work on schoolwork inside your mountain house!

Optional Extended Craft – Make Mountain Cookies

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp salt

In a large bowl, mix together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Combine the flour and salt and gradually add to the mixture and mix until combined.

Shape into 1-inch balls and place 2 inches apart on an ungreased pan lined with parchment paper. Make a deep indentation in each cookie with the back of a teaspoon.

Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit until the edges just turn brown. Remove from sheet and cool completely.

For the Filling:

- 3 ounces cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch, almond, or coconut flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Jesus Transfigured

Luke 9:28-36

About eight days after saying this, he climbed the mountain to pray, taking Peter, John, and James along. While he was in prayer, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes became blinding white. At once two men were there talking with him. They turned out to be Moses and Elijah—and what a glorious appearance they made! They talked over his exodus, the one Jesus was about to complete in Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, Peter and those with him were slumped over in sleep. When they came to, rubbing their eyes, they saw Jesus in his glory and the two men standing with him. When Moses and Elijah had left, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, this is a great moment! Let’s build three memorials: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He blurted this out without thinking.

While he was babbling on like this, a light-radiant cloud enveloped them. As they found themselves buried in the cloud, they became deeply aware of God. Then there was a voice out of the cloud: “This is my Son, the Chosen! Listen to him.”

When the sound of the voice died away, they saw Jesus there alone. They were speechless. And they continued speechless, said not one thing to anyone during those days of what they had seen.

½ cup finely chopped pecans OR ½ cup mini chocolate chips
½ cup sweetened shredded coconut

Mix cream cheese, sugar, cornstarch or alternate flour and vanilla until smooth. Add pecans or chocolate chips and coconut and stir to combine. Spoon a ½ teaspoon of filling into center of each cookie.

Topping:

½ cup semisweet chocolate chips
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons hot water
½ cup powdered sugar

Mix chocolate chips, water and butter into a microwave safe bowl, and microwave at 30 second intervals until half melted. Stir to complete melting. Stir in powdered sugar. Drizzle over cookies.

Dance it Out

The disciples saw Jesus transfigured - watch this VBS music video to celebrate that nothing is impossible!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yF_5QZxm6rs

Active Play

Search for “Mountain climbing exercises” in Google and do some at home! You must be in top shape to be able to summit a mountain.

Did you know you can “Climb Mount Everest” at home if you climb your stairs at home 6,506 times??!! Make a plan to see how many days it takes you to climb Mount Everest!

Research This!

Find out the highest mountain or place in your state. How about in your time zone?

Find the tallest mountain or place where Jesus lived.

Find the tallest mountain on Earth.

What is the height difference between the tallest mountain you found in your state, and the tallest you found anywhere?

Watch That?

Watch the Kids on the Move video on Jesus Transfigured on YouTube!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dC081rBhFsE>

Prayer for the day:

Pray for park rangers, mountain rescue teams, and those who live and work on mountains and work to keep people safe.

Most of the mountain ski resorts have closed during social distancing, so also pray for the staff who are unable to work right now.

Community Care:

Share a plate of your Mountain cookies with a neighbor. Maybe even plan to watch a movie together that features mountains!

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