

THE TRANSFIGURATION

Luke 9:28-45

KIDS
3RD-6TH

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Key Verse:

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”
Luke 9:35

The Point:

The Messiah has come to serve and calls us to serve others.

Making Connections:

Jesus Heals

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Old Testament References

Spiritual Practice:

Prayer



BACKGROUND

Making Connections

We have heard the stories of Jesus doing the impossible—healing the sick and raising the dead. Today’s story shows us how Jesus is able to do these. The voice of God declares Jesus to be the Son of God.

Story Summary:

The Transfiguration

Jesus took Peter, John, and James to a mountaintop to pray. While they were praying, Jesus began to transform and his clothing became a dazzling white. The disciples saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. Peter, not understanding what was taking place on the mountaintop, thought that it might be a good idea to make three dwellings: one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. Then a cloud came and overshadowed them. God spoke and announced that Jesus is God’s Son and chosen one.

The next day, Jesus met a man who begged him to heal his son, who was possessed by a demon. The language used for the demon is violent and extreme. This act of healing is another example of the liberation given to us by Jesus. After the healing of this child, Jesus begins his journey toward the cross. The end of this week leads into our journey through Lent.

The Point

The Messiah has come to serve and calls us to serve others. We end the season of Epiphany with a clear revelation of who Jesus is. Jesus is the Messiah, says the voice of God, he is the very Son of God. But this look at God’s glory shining through Jesus is brief. Throughout his ministry, Jesus shows us God through his acts of service toward others. And the service that he does, he calls us to do as well.

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Old Testament References

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Spiritual Practice: Prayer

The spiritual practice for this unit is prayer. Through practicing prayer in Living the Story, students will develop a deeper sense of communicating with God through a flashlight prayer activity. It is through the concept of lighting a flashlight that students will be reminded of Jesus being the light of the world.



The Transfiguration

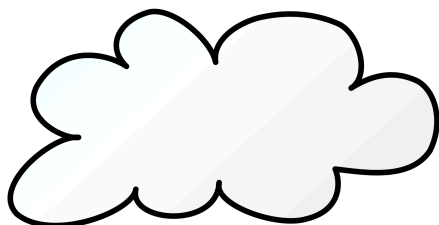
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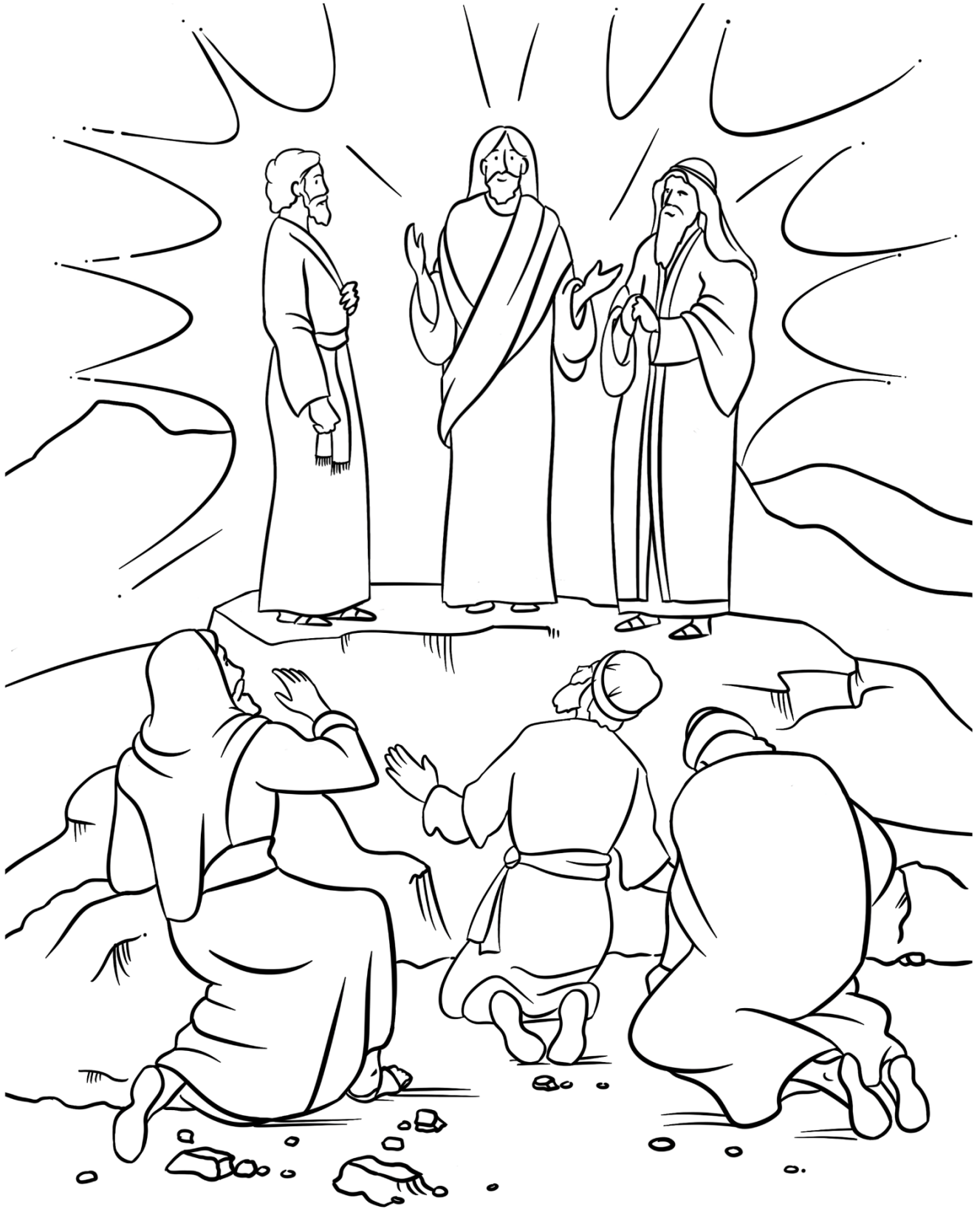
The puzzle is based on Luke 9:28-36 (NIV).



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JAMES	PRAY	CHOSEN	CLOTHES	ELIJAH
TALKING	FACE	BRIGHT	APPEARED	DISCIPLES





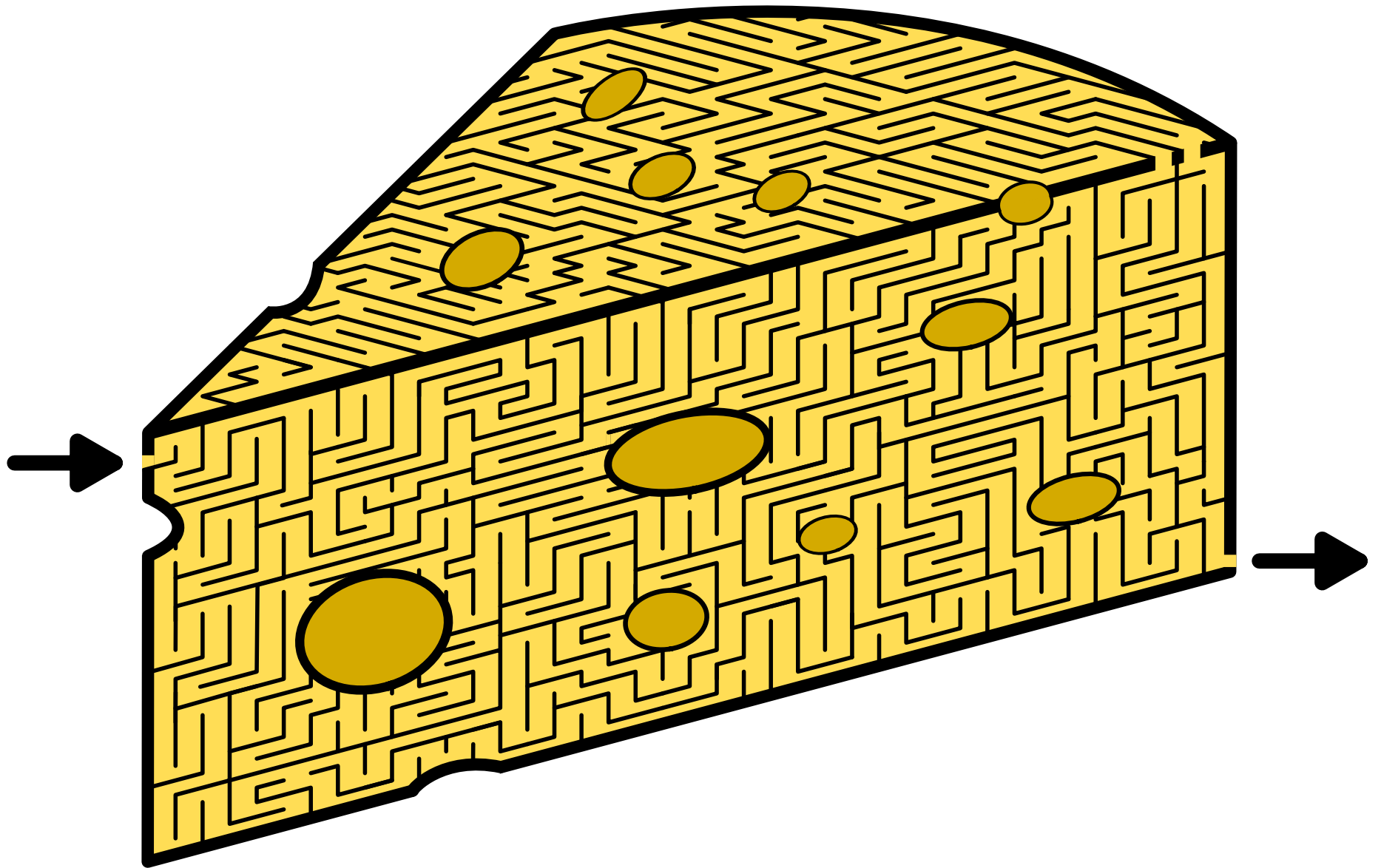
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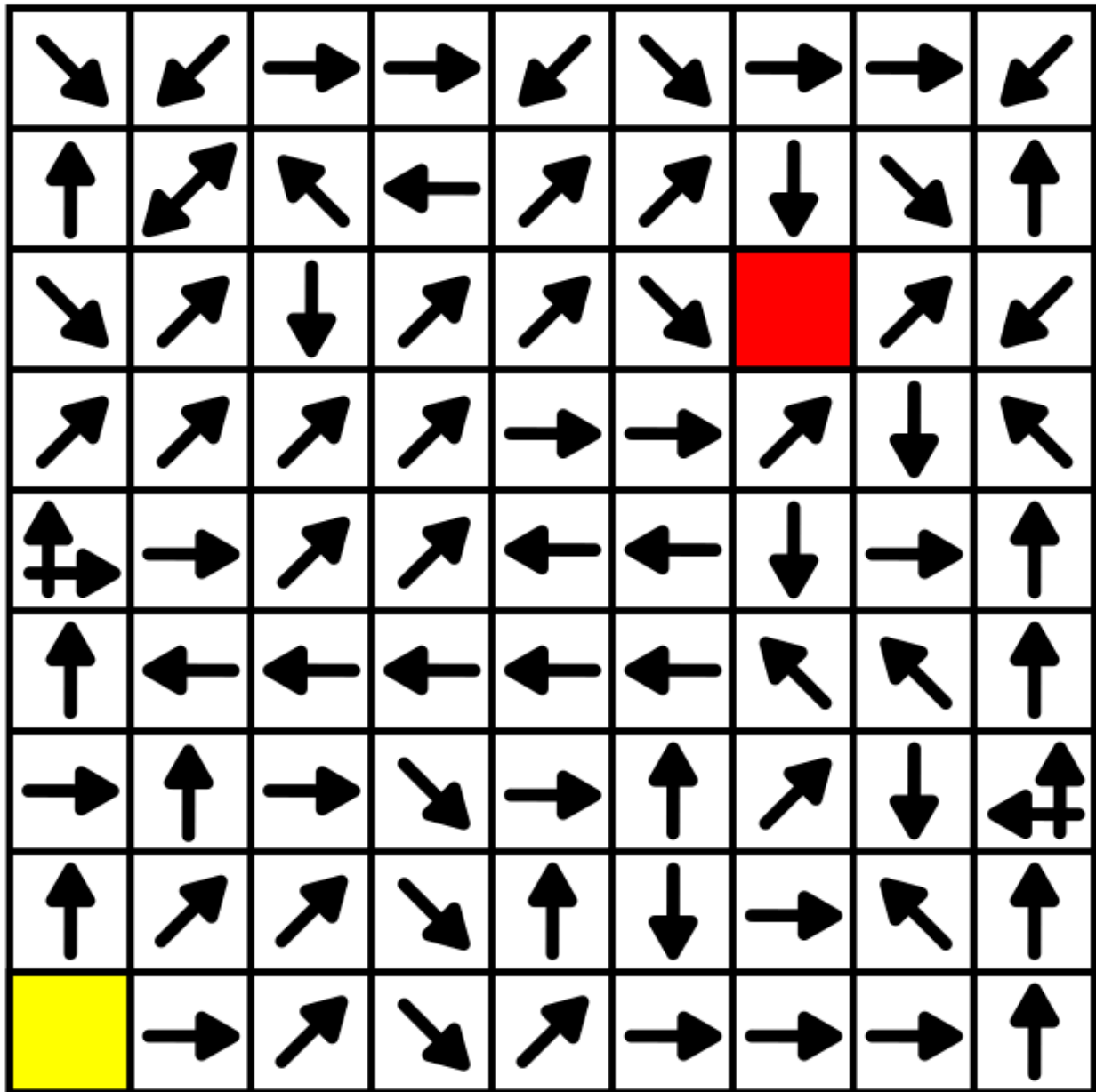
Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. A raised part of the Earth's surface, much larger than a hill
A. lightning B. mountain C. awake D. sleepy
- ___ 2. To speak to God
A. clothes B. mountain C. pray D. face
- ___ 3. The front of the head, where the eyes, nose and mouth are
A. cloud B. pray C. face D. sleepy
- ___ 4. Things such as a dress or trousers that you wear to cover your body
A. face B. mountain C. lightning D. clothes
- ___ 5. A flash of bright light in the sky produced by electricity
A. pray B. lightning C. mountain D. awake
- ___ 6. Ready to go to bed or take a nap
A. sleepy B. clothes C. pray D. cloud
- ___ 7. The opposite of being asleep
A. awake B. mountain C. lightning D. face
- ___ 8. A grey or white mass floating in the sky, made of very small drops of water
A. cloud B. clothes C. awake D. pray



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THE STORY @ HOME



Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story
Narrative Lectionary, Year 3 (2024-2025)

LAST WEEK

When Jesus dines in a Pharisee's home, a woman labeled a sinner comes in. She washes his feet with tears and anoints them with ointment. Jesus tells a parable about forgiveness and forgives the woman (Luke 7:36-50).

THIS WEEK

Jesus takes three disciples up a mountain. Suddenly, he becomes dazzlingly white and Moses and Elijah appear next to him. God declares that Jesus is God's Son, and that the disciples should listen to him (Luke 9:28-45).

THE POINT

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STORY SUMMARY

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NEXT WEEK

Jesus tells the Parable of the Good Samaritan, in which a person cares for his enemy. Then, Jesus visits sisters Mary and Martha and encourages Martha to rest from her work, sit, and listen to him (Luke 10:25-42).

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS

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PRACTICE: PRAYER

It is through prayer that we communicate with God. It can be done anytime, anywhere. Prayer can be used in happy times and in sad times. There are many ways we can pray. A fun way to pray is to look through photos of family and friends and pray for them.

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✝ Where do you see the message that "It is GOOD" in this Scripture?
- ✝ What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✝ What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read Luke 9:28-45

Jesus is transfigured on a mountain with Moses and Elijah, and then Jesus heals a boy who was possessed by a demon. Focus on prayer by going into a dark room and lighting a flashlight while praying together.

Monday—Read Isaiah 55:1-3

God invites us to abundant life. Discuss who might be a good person or people to invite to church. Make an invitation and deliver it, inviting them to join you at church or a church event.

Tuesday—Read Luke 9:46-50

The disciples argue over who is the greatest. Jesus reminded them that the one who welcomes a small child welcomes Jesus and that the least will be the greatest. Pray for the youngest people in your family, neighborhood, and church.

Wednesday—Read Luke 9:51-62

Jesus prepares for his ascension to heaven. Jesus warns of the cost of being a disciple. Spend some time praying for those who are imprisoned for following Jesus around the world.

Thursday—Read Luke 10:1-12

Jesus sends out seventy-two people to tell the good news. Make a peace offering for your neighbors. A peace offering can be a plate of cookies, a drawing from the family, or any kind gesture.

Friday—Read Luke 10:17-20

The seventy-two Jesus sent returned with joy. Have a joyous dance party!

Saturday—Read Luke 10:21-24

Jesus prays out loud to God. Play a game of Hide and Seek. After you play, remind each other about the things God hides and the things God reveals to us.