

# Jesus, Moses and Elijah

*Storyteller: Unroll the mountain underlay, with the summit closest to you. This looks like a mountain. Set down the Jesus figure in a stand, near the base of the mountain. Jesus took Peter – add the Peter figure in a stand beside Jesus – James – add the James figure in a stand – and John with him. Add John to the group. Move the figures up the mountain, close to you. Keep Jesus a little ahead of the other three. They went up on a high mountain, where they could be alone. There in front of the disciples, Jesus was completely changed. And his clothes became much whiter than any bleach on earth could make them. Put the Moses and Elijah figures next to Jesus. Then, Moses and Elijah were there talking with Jesus.*

## Luke 9:28-36

About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James with him and went up on a mountain to pray. While he was praying, his face changed, and his clothes became shining white. Suddenly Moses and Elijah were there speaking with him. They appeared in heavenly glory and talked about all that Jesus' death in Jerusalem would mean.

Peter and the other two disciples had been sound asleep. All at once they woke up and saw how glorious Jesus was. They also saw the two men who were with him.

Moses and Elijah were about to leave, when Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here! Let us make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But Peter did not know what he was talking about.

While Peter was still speaking, a shadow from a cloud passed over them, and they were frightened as the cloud covered them. From the cloud a voice spoke, "This is my chosen Son. Listen to what he says!"

After the voice had spoken, Peter, John, and James saw only Jesus. For some time they kept quiet and did not say anything about what they had seen.

Pick up "Peter": Peter said to Jesus "Teacher, it is good for us to be here! Let us make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." *Put down Peter a little closer "up" the mountain.* Peter and the others were terribly frightened, and he did not know what he was talking about.

*Hold your hands low and spread out over the figures. The shadow of a cloud passed over and covered them. Turn your left hand so it casts a bigger shadow by itself, and with your right hand pick up the dove and hold it above the cloud (your hand).* From the cloud a voice said "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" *Put the dove, Moses, and Elijah back on the tray.* At once the disciples looked around, but they saw only Jesus.

*Move Jesus and the disciples partway down the mountain.* As Jesus and his disciples were coming down the mountain, he told

them not to say a word about what they had seen, until the Son of Man had been raised from death. *Move Jesus and the disciples the rest of the way down the mountain, then place them on the tray, and roll up the mountain underlay and add that to the tray.*