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JESUS SHOWED HIS GLORY

GAME TIME

SHINE BRIGHT TAG

Select a player to be It and give them a flashlight. Use best judgment when dimming or turning off the lights during game play. The rest of the players will find hiding places in the same room. It will use the flashlight to attempt to tag the others by shining it on them. When a kid is tagged, they must jump up and smile with a bright and shining face.

SAY: *In today's game, you had the chance to shine bright. Jesus' face shone bright when He showed the disciples His glory. The disciples were amazed and terrified at such a sight. How wondrous this must have been!*

BIBLE STORY

Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 9

One day, Jesus led three of His disciples—Peter, James, and John—up on a high mountain to pray. The disciples fell fast asleep. As Jesus prayed, His appearance suddenly changed. His face was shining like the sun, and His clothes were as white as the light. The disciples woke up and saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus.

Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If You want, I will set up three tents here: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While Peter was still speaking, a bright cloud suddenly covered them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to Him!" The disciples heard this and fell facedown. They were terrified!

Jesus came up and touched them. "Get up," He said. "Don't be afraid." When the disciples looked up, they did not see Moses or Elijah anymore. They only saw Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus said to them, "Don't tell anyone what you saw until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

A CHANGE IN APPEARANCE

Guide players to form pairs. Tell partners to stand back to back. Tell each partner to change something about his appearance (change in hairstyle, accessories added or removed, pant cuffs rolled up or down, button undone, or so forth).

After a minute, tell partners to face each other. Challenge the partners to identify what changed about the other partner's appearance.

SAY: *Some of those changes were hard to recognize! Today we will hear about a time three disciples saw Jesus' appearance change in a big way.*



The disciples did not tell anyone, but they wondered what Jesus meant. They asked Him, "Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come before the Messiah comes?"

Jesus explained that Elijah had already come—that is, a prophet like Elijah had come. The people did not recognize him as a prophet, and they mistreated him. Jesus said, "In the same way, the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands." Then the disciples realized Jesus was talking about John the Baptist.

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus showed His glory to Peter, James, and John. Jesus said He would die, rise from the dead, and return to heaven. One day, Jesus will come back to earth in His glory to make all things new.