

Second Sunday of Lent. March 13, 2022



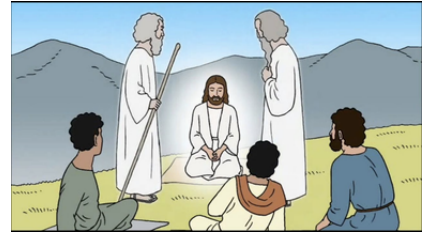
Lk 9, 28b-36 GOSPEL



Ecological attitude:
Pray in Nature.

In this Sunday's Gospel we will hear the scene known as the "Transfiguration of Jesus". The word "Transfiguration" means "change of form or aspect", and comes from the Latin trans ("through") and figure ("aspect"). That is to say, in the "Transfiguration", Jesus changed his appearance, all of him was filled with splendor and glory.

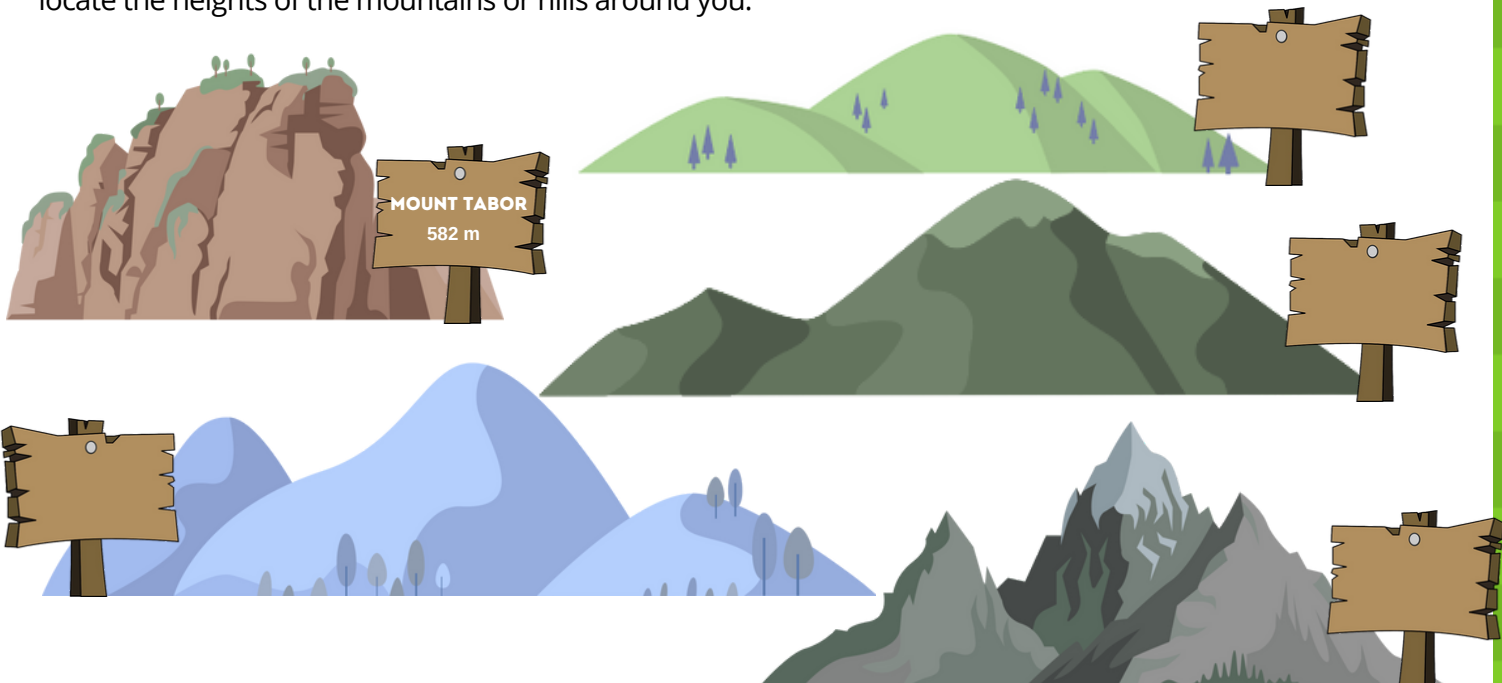
This extraordinary moment was experienced by three of his close friends: Peter, James and John. They had the privilege of witnessing this divine experience. Jesus had invited them to pray, so they had gone up the mountain.



Jesus had a special likeness for the mountains, he was attracted by the loneliness of the peaks, as a place where he could retire to pray. Look up these moments in your Bible and write them down right away:

- Matthew 14, 23: _____
- Matthew 15, 29: _____
- John 6,15: _____

The mountain where the transfiguration of the Lord took place, "El Tabor", has a height of 582 meters, can you imagine it? Are there mountains or hills in your place? How tall are they? In the following drawing locate the heights of the mountains or hills around you.



Jesus wanted to take his friends to one of his favorite places, to this mountain, perhaps not as high as others we know. Jesus wanted to share a little peace with them, because in reality, his friends were a little discouraged and sad. But, with this extraordinary experience they changed and were filled with great enthusiasm. They were so happy that Peter said: **“Teacher, how good that we are here”!**

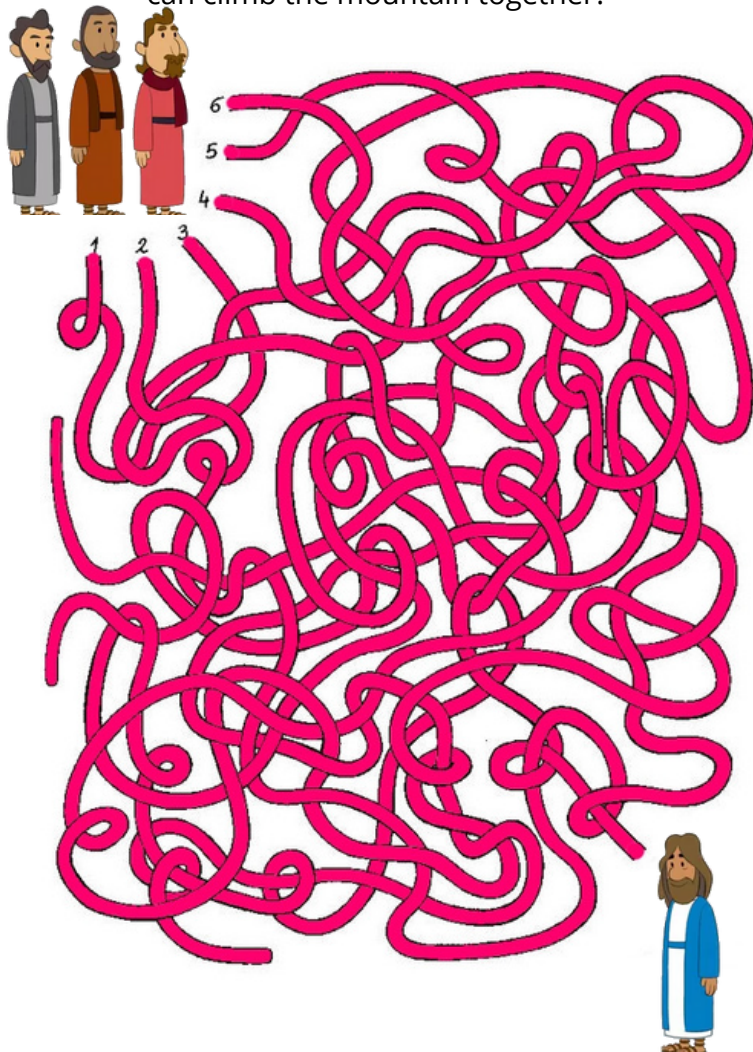
Jesus also invites us to pray. The mountains are special places to meet the Lord. We Christians do not deny Nature when we want to meet God (cf. LS 235), on the contrary, in it we discover the touches of his love. In Nature, in the mountains, together with Jesus, we will be able to say: **HOW GOOD THAT WE ARE HERE!**

If you follow the moves of the knight in chess (three vertical and one horizontal or three horizontal and one vertical), you will be able to read a sentence that St. Peter said to Jesus today.



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Which way do Jesus' friends have to go to where he is waiting for them, so that the four of them can climb the mountain together?



It might be a good Lenten resolution to go up a mountain as a family and have a time of silence and prayer together. And if we can't do that, at least get away from the noise for a while, turn off our mobiles, TV and computer to meet the Lord in prayer.



Prayer:

Jesus we want to hear you reading the Bible and listening to our catechists, priests, parents and teachers. Teach us to give You thanks for the beautiful and magnificent mountains, for all Creation with its rivers, fish, trees, animals, and birds. Thank you because we can see your fingerprints on all of them.

