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Luke 9:28-36



Have you ever had a day that was so wonderful that you wanted it to last forever? Take a minute to tell your special person what it was so you can share it together. Did you know that Jesus' disciples had special days like that as well? Today's story is about one of those days.

One day, Jesus took Peter, James and John with him up onto a mountain to pray. As Jesus was praying, something very strange happened. Luke's story tells us the appearance of Jesus' face began to change and that his clothing became as bright as a torch on high beam. That wasn't all that happened, then Moses and Elijah, two men who had gone to heaven a long, long time ago, appeared with Jesus. They were talking with Jesus about how he was going to die.

When Peter saw this, he couldn't believe his eyes! How could Moses and Elijah be here, standing with Jesus because they had died a very long time ago. The whole thing seemed to be incredible, Peter told Jesus that he thought they should stay up there on the mountain with them. Peter said they should build three tents; one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah.

Peter didn't understand that this wonderful experience on the mountain was not meant to last. It wasn't a place to stop and set up camp, but a starting place for God's greatest gift which is the gift of everlasting life – salvation. What happened to Jesus is called transfiguration. A little while after this happened on the mountain Jesus went to Jerusalem where he died on the cross, then he was buried, and then rose from the grave so that you and I and everyone could have eternal life in heaven. If they had all stayed on that mountain, they would have missed out on everything that was still going to happen in the future.

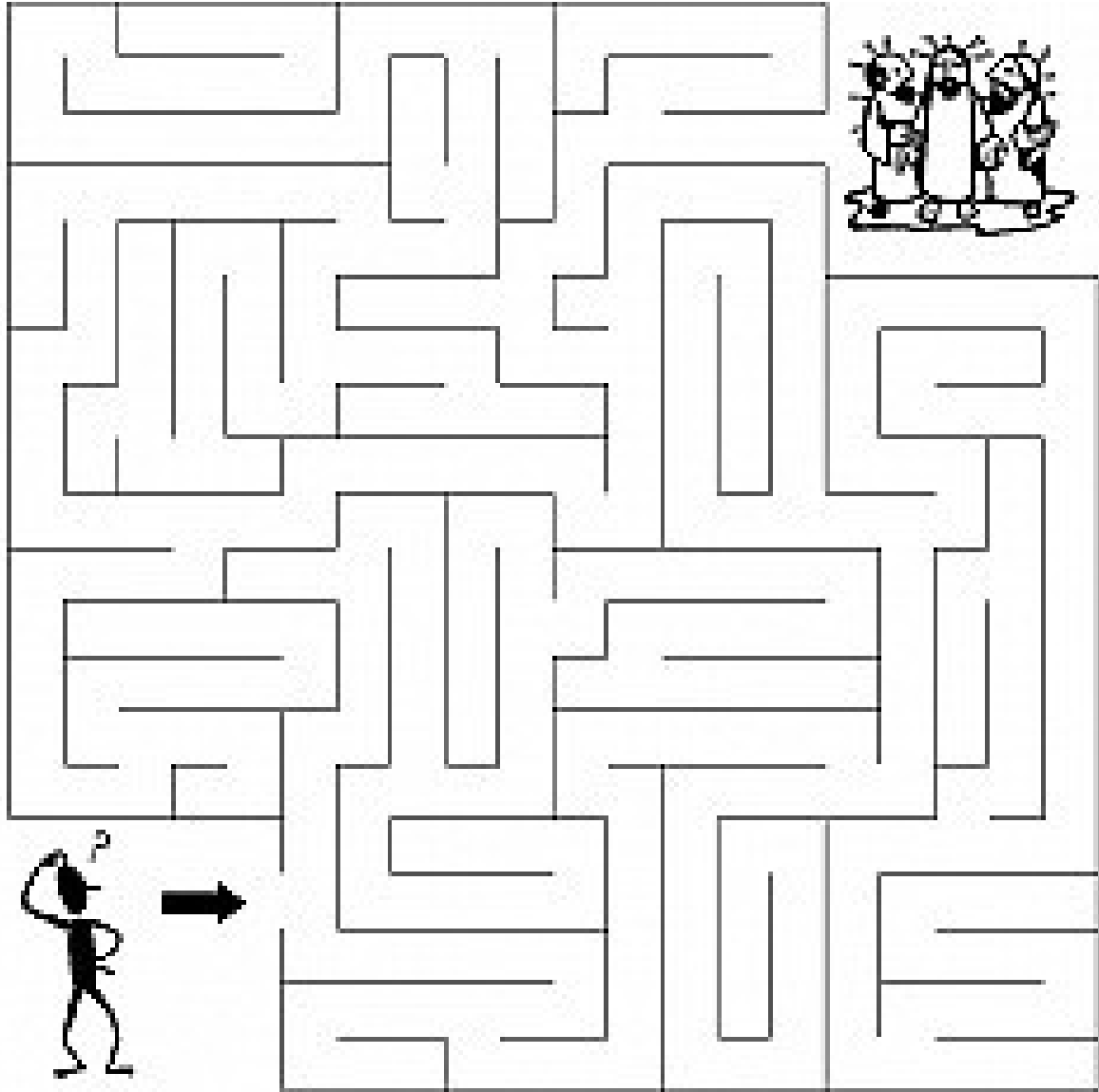
We have so many wonderful experiences as we follow Jesus. There is a song that says, 'Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before.' This is a wonderful thing to always remember. When we have a great 'mountain top' experience of our own like Peter, James and John did, we might wish that it would never end. But remember, when we follow Jesus and accept him as our Lord and Saviour, the best is yet to come!

Jesus, thank You for all of the wonderful experiences You allow everyone to enjoy as we walk each day with Jesus. Help us to follow Him wherever He leads us. In Jesus' name, amen.



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The Transfiguration (Mark 9:2)



Can you find your way through the maze up the mountain where Jesus
Moses and Elijah are waiting for them?

The Transfiguration

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