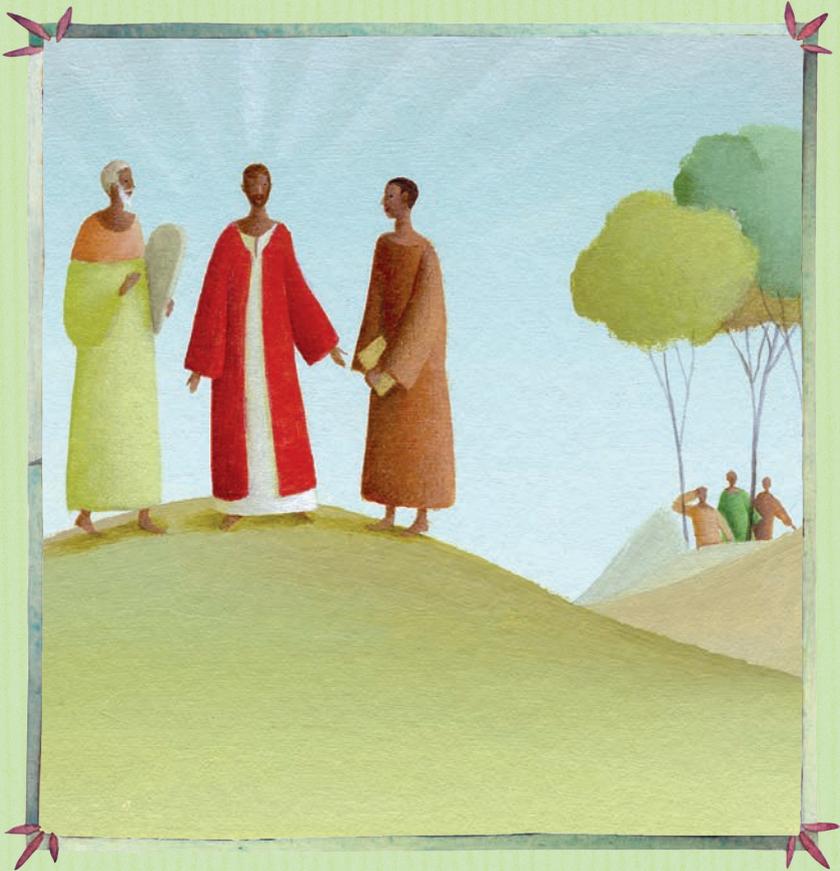


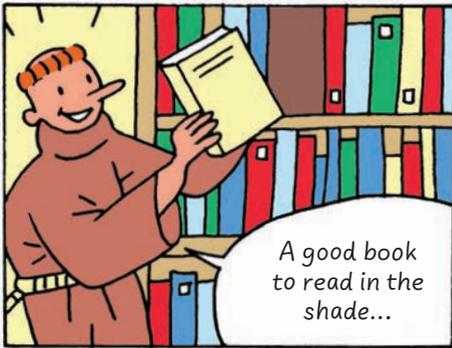
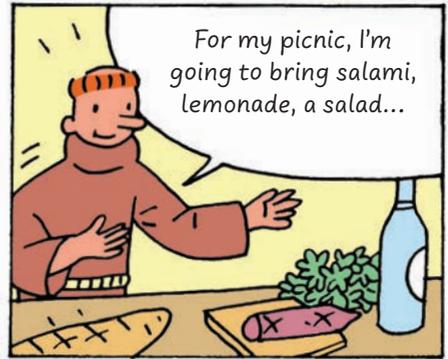
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Second Sunday of Lent

# MagnifiKid!



“This is my chosen Son;  
listen to him”



## ► Pray to God in your own words

To pray is to talk to God. You can begin with simple words like "I love you," "thank you," "forgive," "please," and then invent your own prayer. Write your own prayer or copy a prayer that you like in your Lenten notebook (p. 3).

# Prayer can transform us!

Today we ponder the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. As Jesus was praying to his Father, his clothes became dazzling white. The Apostles saw his glory, and listened to him conversing with Moses and Elijah about the sufferings he would endure in Jerusalem. When we pray, we don't start to glow with light as Jesus did. His light, however, enters into us, illuminating our lives, our choices, and all our joys and sorrows. When we pray, we bring our lives into relationship with God. Even though this doesn't change our appearance, it changes us and transforms our attitudes and perspectives. Prayer is about being together with God, speaking to him, loving him and being loved by him. When we know that we are not alone, we find hope to face whatever may come.

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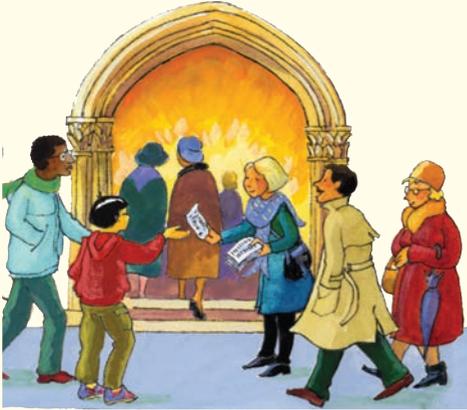


## ► Pray to God in different ways

There are many ways to pray. You can read the Gospel or a page of a collection of poems; you can remain silent or you can sing... This evening, when you talk to God, choose a way that is different from what you usually do. Let yourself become filled with the light of God; feel yourself bathing in love.

# Sunday, March 16th

## Second Sunday of Lent



let us acknowledge our sins,/ and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Q I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done

and in what I have failed to do,

→ And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

→ Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,

all the Angels and Saints,

and you, my brothers and sisters,

to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Q May almighty God have mercy on us,/ forgive us our sins,/ and bring us to everlasting life.

Q Amen.

### Kyrie, eleison

Q Lord, have mercy.

Q Lord, have mercy.

Q Christ, have mercy.

Q Christ, have mercy.

→ When the Entrance Chant is concluded, the Priest says:

Q In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

→ The people reply:

Q Amen.

### Greeting

Q The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,/ and the love of God,/ and the communion of the Holy Spirit/ be with you all.

Q And with your spirit.

### Penitential Act

Q Brethren (brothers and sisters),

## Sacrifices in the Jewish religion

In ancient times, the Jews sacrificed lambs and other animals to God in reparation for sins. Lambs were pure white, quiet, gentle and obedient. Jesus is called the "Lamb of God" because, though sinless, he offered himself up on the cross to take away our sins. By laying down his life for us, Jesus teaches us that God doesn't want animal sacrifices anymore. He wants us to be pure and obedient like Jesus. Jesus said, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have love you" (John 15:12).

🗨️ **Lord, have mercy.**

🗨️ **Lord, have mercy.**

→ *The Gloria is omitted during Lent.*

## Collect

🗨️ **O God, who have commanded us/ to listen to your beloved Son,/ be pleased, we pray,/ to nourish us inwardly by your word,/ that, with spiritual sight made pure,/ we may rejoice to behold your glory./ Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,/ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,/ God, for ever and ever.**

🗨️ **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD



### A reading from the Book of Genesis

*God made a covenant with Abraham,  
his faithful servant.*

**T**he Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your **descendants (1)** be." Abram put his

faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of **righteousness (2)**.

He then said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a **possession (3)**." "O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old **heifer (4)**, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

*(Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)*

🗨️ **The word of the Lord.**

🗨️ **Thanks be to God.**

## THE DIFFICULT WORDS

**(1)** A person's **descendants** are that person's children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all those who are born into the family afterwards, from generation to generation.

**(2)** An act of **righteousness** is the doing

• of something good; obeying the law.

• **(3)** A **possession** is something that belongs to somebody. God is giving Abram the land of Canaan. This land is between Egypt and Mesopotamia.

• **(4)** A **heifer** is a young cow.



## Psalm 27

**R.** The Lord is my light and my salvation (5).

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge (6); of whom should I be afraid? **R.**

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me.

Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks. **R.**

Your presence, O LORD, I seek.

Hide not your face from me; do not in anger repel your servant.

You are my helper: cast me not off. **R.**

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD

in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD with courage;

be stouthearted (7), and wait for the LORD. **R.**



## A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

*Christ will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.*

→ The Priest may choose to read a shorter form.

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as **enemies of the cross of Christ (8)**. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our **citizenship is in heaven (9)**, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his **glorified body (10)** by the power that enables him also **to bring all things into subjection to himself (11)**.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for; my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

*(Philippians 3:17-4:1)*

**Q** The word of the Lord.

**Q** Thanks be to God.

## THE DIFFICULT WORDS

(5) **Salvation** is the saving of somebody.

(6) A **refuge** is a place where you are safe from danger.

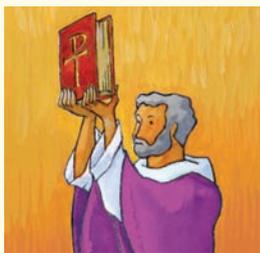
(7) To be **stouthearted** is to be courageous.

(8) People who conduct themselves as

● **enemies of the cross of Christ** are those who live in a way which is the opposite of what Jesus says.

● (9) We, as Christians, are citizens of our country and **citizens of heaven** because

● we are children of God who is in heaven.



## Verse before the Gospel

🗨️ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

🗨️ **From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:/ This is my beloved Son, hear him.**

🗨️ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

## Gospel

🗨️ **The Lord be with you.**

🗨️ **And also with you.**

🗨️ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

🗨️ **Glory to you, Lord.**

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.*

**J**esus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his

clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, **a cloud came and cast a shadow over them (12)**, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

*(Luke 9:28b-36)*

🗨️ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

🗨️ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

### Profession of Faith

**I believe in one God,**  
**the Father almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth,**

## THE DIFFICULT WORDS

(10) Jesus' **glorified body** is his resurrected body, that is alive for ever.

(11) **To bring all things into subjection to himself** means that Jesus is able to bring all things under his control.

(12) **A cloud came and cast a shadow over them.** In the Bible this is the sign that God is present and that he is going to speak. The cloud's shadow covers the person to whom God is speaking, because God is a mystery and no one can see him.

of all things visible and invisible.

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,**  
 the Only Begotten Son of God,  
 born of the Father before all ages.  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made, consubstantial  
 with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.  
 For us men and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,

→ *All bow until the words: "and became man."*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate  
 of the Virgin Mary,  
 and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under  
 Pontius Pilate,  
 he suffered death and was buried,  
 and rose again on the third day  
 in accordance with the Scriptures.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand  
 of the Father.

He will come again in glory  
 to judge the living and the dead  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
 the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father  
 and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son is

adored and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 I believe in one, holy, catholic  
 and apostolic Church.  
 I confess one Baptism  
 for the forgiveness of sins  
 and I look forward to  
 the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life of the world to come.

**Amen.**

## Prayer of the Faithful



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

→ *If the Offertory Chant is not sung, the Priest may speak these words aloud:*

🗣️ **Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,/ for through your goodness we have received/ the bread we offer you:/ fruit of the earth and work of human hands,/ it will become for us the bread of life.**

🗣️ **Blessed be God for ever.**

🗣️ **Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,/ for through your goodness**

## The Transfiguration

The Transfiguration refers to the time that Jesus changed in appearance, with his clothes becoming dazzling white. Peter, James, and John got a glimpse of the true glory of Jesus, the Son of God. Elijah and Moses appeared with Jesus. Elijah was the great prophet who foretold the coming of the Messiah. Jesus is the Messiah he foretold. Moses had spoken with God in the burning bush, and led God's people out of slavery in

we have received/ the wine we offer you:/ fruit of the vine and work of human hands,/ it will become our spiritual drink.

🗨 **Blessed be God for ever.**

### Invitation to Prayer

🗨 **Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),/ that my sacrifice and yours/ may be acceptable to God,/ the almighty Father.**

🗨 **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### Prayer over the Offerings

🗨 **May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,/ cleanse us of our faults/ and sanctify your faithful in body and mind/ for the celebration of the paschal festivities./ Through Christ our Lord.**

🗨 **Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer

🗨 **The Lord be with you.**

🗨 **And with your spirit.**

🗨 **Lift up your hearts.**

🗨 **We lift them up to the Lord.**

🗨 **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

🗨 **It is right and just.**



### Preface: The Transfiguration of the Lord

**I**t is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,/ always and everywhere to give you thanks,/ Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,/ through Christ our Lord./ For after he had told the disciples of his coming Death,/ on the holy mountain he manifested to them his glory,/ to show, even by the testimony of the law and the prophets,/ that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection./ And so, with the Powers of heaven,/ we worship you constantly on earth,/ and before your majesty/ without end we acclaim:

🗨 **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

→ *The Priest has over ten different texts to choose from. During this prayer, he asks the Holy Spirit to transform the bread and wine so that they become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Priest then says the words of Jesus:*

## THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT

Egypt. Jesus identified himself as I AM, which is the name of God revealed to Moses. He will lead God's people into freedom in the Promised Land of heaven.



**“TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,/ FOR THIS IS MY BODY,/ WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.”**

**“TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,/ FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,/ THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,/ WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY/ FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS./ DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.”**

→ After the Body and Blood of Christ are raised, we say or sing an acclamation. This is the most common one:

🗨 **The mystery of faith.**

🗨 **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

→ During the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer, we pray for the whole Church. At the end, the Priest says:

🗨 **Through him, and with him, and in him,/ O God, almighty Father,/ in the unity of the Holy Spirit,/ all glory and honor is yours,/ for ever and ever.**

🗨 **Amen.**

## Communion Rite

🗨 **At the Savior’s command/ and formed by divine teaching,/ we dare to say:**

🗨 **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

🗨 **Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,/ graciously grant peace in our days,/ that, by the help of your mercy,/ we may be always free from sin/ and safe from all distress,/ as we await the blessed hope/ and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

🗨 **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

🗨 **Lord Jesus Christ,/ who said to your Apostles:/ Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,/ look not on our sins,/ but on the faith of your Church,/ and graciously grant her peace and unity/ in accordance with your will./ Who live and reign for ever and ever.**

🗨 **Amen.**

🗨 **The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

🗨 **And with your spirit.**

🗨 **Let us offer each other the sign of peace.**



## Your prayer after Communion

After receiving Holy Communion, you can say this prayer silently to yourself. If you have not yet received your First Communion, you can still say this prayer because of your desire to receive Jesus.

- Father, through Jesus, in union with the
- whole Church, I thank you for coming into
- my heart. Through this Communion in
- the Body and Blood of your Son, help me
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## CONCLUDING RITES

→ Then the Priest takes the host, breaks it over the paten, and places a small piece in the chalice. Meanwhile, the following is sung or said:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

### Invitation to Communion

→ While holding up the consecrated host, the Priest says:

🗨 **Behold the Lamb of God,/ behold him who takes away the sins of the world./ Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.**

🗨 **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### Prayer after Communion

🗨 **As we receive these glorious mysteries,/ we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord,/ for allowing us while still on earth/ to be partakers even now of the things of heaven./ Through Christ our Lord.**

🗨 **Amen.**

to always listen to his voice. Help me to be transformed, so that I can become more like him in my words and deeds.

### Brief announcements

#### Prayer over the People and Final Blessing

🗨 **The Lord be with you.**

🗨 **And with your spirit.**

🗨 **Bless your faithful, we pray,**

**O Lord,/ with a blessing that endures for ever,/ and keep them faithful/ to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son,/ so that they may always desire and at last attain/ that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body,/ to the amazement of his Apostles./ Through Christ our Lord.**

🗨 **Amen.**

🗨 **And may the blessing of almighty God,/ the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,/ come down on you and remain with you for ever.**

🗨 **Amen.**

### Dismissal

→ In these or similar words the Priest or Deacon dismisses the people:

🗨 **Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.**

🗨 **Thanks be to God.**



Now, listen attentively to the prayer that the Priest is going to say in the name of the entire congregation. It is your prayer, too. You can follow along in *MagnifiKid!* It is the Prayer after Communion.



*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Open the doors of our heart so that we might hear the Word of the Lord!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

*Lord, thank you for having given me this body with which I can pray to you.*

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

# Pray

Morning  
Evening

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*Let us be converted so that we believe in the Good News!*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

*Lord, I ask your forgiveness for all the times that I did not pray to you. Help me talk to you more and more often, in simple ways.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



*If you want to, before falling asleep, you can also say the Hail Mary.*

## GESTURES AND POSTURES OF PRAYER

# Bringing It All Together

You pray with your words, but you can also pray with your whole body. There are many different ways to pray.



- You can kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer.

- You can lift your arms to sing your joy to the Lord.



When it is time for Communion, you can fold your hands in prayer, or, if you have not yet received your First Communion, you can cross your hands over your chest and make a spiritual communion.



- You can close your eyes while you pray in your prayer corner.



- You can open your hands when you say or sing the Our Father.

- You strike your chest as you recognize that you are a sinner.



Choose one of these postures and, during your prayers at night, use it to pray with your body. Also, take time during your prayers to offer up to God the effort you chose to make for Lent last week.

# The Transfiguration

Look carefully at this painting and try to answer these questions. If you want a little help, reread the Gospel text.

1. Why does Jesus have his hands apart?  
.....
2. Who are the two men beside him, in the sky?  
.....
3. Why are they floating in the sky?  
.....
4. Lying on the grass are three men dressed in green, yellow, and pink: who are they?  
.....
5. Why are they putting their hands on their foreheads?  
.....

5 – When they woke up, they were struck by the brightness of Jesus' glory which the painter has shown by painting a very bright, luminous, white cloud. When the Gospel speaks about the glory of Jesus, it is a way of saying that God, his Father, is very close to him.

represent the Old Testament, because the Good News brought by Jesus is connected to the words of the prophets. Jesus' coming into the world and his message are just what the prophets said they would be, so many years before. We say that Jesus has "fulfilled the Old Testament"; he has made it perfect.

4 – Jesus brought Peter, James, and John with him. While Jesus prayed, they fell asleep.



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This work was painted by Raphael in 1520, the year of his death. He was thirty-seven years old. This is just the upper part of the painting. In the bottom part, the painter represented another passage in the Gospel, the deliverance of a possessed child.

## ANSWERS

1 – In order to show Jesus praying, the painter uses the same gesture a Priest would use during Mass: hands apart and raised up toward heaven.

2 – The two men near Jesus are Moses and the Prophet Elijah. Moses is on Jesus' left side. You can recognize him because he is holding the tablets of the Law in his arms. While Moses was in the desert, he received the commandments, written on tablets, from God. Elijah, on Jesus' right side, is a great prophet. He is holding a book which represents the Word of God which he is proclaiming.

3 – To show that this is a very exceptional moment, where Jesus is close to his Father, the painter chose to paint Jesus in the sky. He is surrounded by Moses and Elijah who

Valerie has mixed up the photos of her classmates. Using the clues below, help her to put back the correct name under each photo.






















Lea, Camille, and Mary have red hair.  
 Lea, Sarah, and Margot wear glasses.  
 Camille and Lucy have freckles.  
 Mary, Pauline, and Matilda have curly hair.  
 Sarah, Emma, and Pauline are blondes.  
 Emma and Chloe have blue eyes.

Answers: Mary (red, curly hair), Pauline (blonde, curly hair), Lea (redhead; glasses), Camille (redhead; freckles), Emma (blonde hair; blue eyes), Sarah (blonde hair; glasses), Lucy (neither blonde nor redhead; freckles), Margot (neither redhead nor blonde; glasses), Matilda (neither redhead nor blonde; curly hair), and Chloe (neither redhead nor blonde; blue eyes).