

This is my beloved Son!



# The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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## God shares our gifts!

**Can you imagine giving a gift to God?** What would you give Him? He could have anything!

In today's Gospel reading, we hear the story we all know—the wonderful miracle story of the feeding of the 5,000 men (plus women and children!). In the story, remember, the people came to listen to Jesus speak. After a long time, the huge crowds of people were hungry, and the disciples wanted to send them away so they could go and get their own food. But our Lord answered them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." Our Lord told the disciples to show love for the people. Show them love and feed them!



Then, as we read in another Gospel too, a child brought bread and fish to feed the people. Christ multiplied it, and He fed thousands of people!

God doesn't ask for gifts from us. The only thing He asks is for us to show love for others! Show love to your family and your friends...and to strangers too. Then, do you know something? Our Lord gives that love right back to us, just as He did in the miracle story today. He didn't keep the bread for Himself, but He shared it with the crowd in such a great and miraculous way. God asks for our love so He can share it with others!

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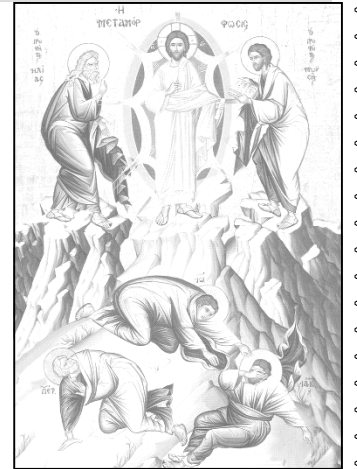
Can you find these words in the jumble?

CELEBRATE  
DISCIPLES  
FEASTDAY  
FEEDING  
GIFTS  
GLORY  
LOVE  
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MOUNTAIN  
SHARE  
TRANSFIGURATION

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## THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GOD SHOWS US HIS GLORY!

**You know how to make the sign of the Cross, don't you?** Do you know why we do the cross the way we do? You know the three fingers together mean the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You know the two little fingers folded down mean that Jesus was a man and He is God!



This Thursday, we celebrate the great feast of the Holy Transfiguration. On this happy feast-day, we remember when our Lord Jesus Christ went up to the top of a mountain with his friends, Peter, James, and John. There, He showed them that He wasn't just a man who could do special speeches and great miracles. He showed them that He was more than that. Jesus showed them that He is God.

The disciples saw Jesus's face as a bright light. They saw the prophets Moses and Elijah with Him. They heard a voice from above telling them about Him. Then, they fell on their faces because they couldn't even look at Jesus anymore! He was greater than anything. Here was God with them!

On every day, but especially on the great feast of the Transfiguration, let's remember that Christ was more than a speaker, and more than a miracle worker, and more than just a nice guy. Let's remember that He is God, and He is with us!

We celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration on Aug. 6th (OC: Aug. 19th).

## What's in an icon?

In some icons of Christ, you can see the picture of Jesus with a kind of bright star around Him.

This is called a *mandorla*. It shows the greatness of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Can you point to it in the icon of the Dormition and the Resurrection? How about in the icon on page 3?

