

FOR TEACHERS IN THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Ask the scholars whether they have some chums with whom they share secrets that they do not share with other friends. Indicate, from v. 2, that Jesus shared with three of the disciples something which he did not allow the others to see. Recall the presence of the same three at the bedside of Jairus' daughter, and let a pupil read Mark 14 : 32, 33. This close intimacy of these three with Jesus was probably due to the closer sympathy between Jesus and them. Refer to what great apostles these three became. Bring out the truths that Jesus wants close companions, that we can only be such by living with him day by day, and that such companionship will develop the best that is in us.

Question as to the reason for the change in Jesus' appearance, vs. 2, 3. Indicate that it was not light shining upon him from without, so much as the light that was within him shining out. Get a scholar to read Acts 6 : 15. Stephen had allowed God to take full possession of his life and consequently his face shone. An artist, who had some children, whenever he found them cross and stubborn, used to draw their faces to show them what they looked like. That was enough to make them want to do better. Every girl should wish to be beautiful, every boy should desire to look manly. There is no way of acquiring genuine good looks like letting God shine through our lives.

Discuss with the scholars why it was that Peter's wish to make three "tents" out of branches was foolish, vs. 5, 6. Amongst other possible answers, some one will suggest that Jesus and the others could not remain there

forever. Even at that moment, he was badly needed at the foot of the mountain, vs. 14-29. While we should get alone with Jesus at times to pray, and think and read about him, it is in order that we may learn to live for him. We need sleep and food ; but it would be foolish and wicked to spend all our time eating and sleeping. The same is true of reading good books.

The Jews honored Moses, the great law-giver, and Elijah, the great reformer. But on this mountain the disciples learned from the presence of Elijah and Moses, and from the voice in the cloud, that Jesus was greater than all, v. 7. Refer to our present study of the Gospel of Mark to find out about Jesus. Hold before the scholars the wisdom of reading and knowing the four Gospels as records of the life and teaching of him who is greater than all others.

"We love to sing around our King,
And hail him blessed Jesus ;
For there's no word ear ever heard
So dear, so sweet as Jesus."

From the Intermediate Quarterly and Leaflet

SOMETHING TO LOOK UP

1. On two other occasions Jesus took Peter, James and John only, with him. Where do we read of these ?

2. When was "This is my beloved Son," first said about Jesus ? What words were then added ?

ANSWERS, Lesson II.—(1) Jesus ; Isa. 53 : 3 ; 53 : 12. (2) Luke 4 : 8.

Prove from Scripture

That Moses looked for Christ.

FOR TEACHERS IN THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

A Look Forward—Our lesson to-day is a wonderful story about Jesus the mighty worker being transfigured or changed, so that his disciples might see his glorified, heavenly body and know something about the glory of heaven where Jesus dwells.

Lesson Thought—Teach the children that heaven is full of glory.

Approach to the Lesson—The disciples were feeling very sad. They had expected that

some time their master Jesus would take his rightful place as king of the Jews and live in great pomp and glory. But Jesus had just been telling them quite a different story about what was going to happen to him. (Recall last lesson.) He was going to be shamefully treated and at last put to death on the cross. "No one will believe that he is really God's Son," they thought. "No one will believe our teaching after these things happen."