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Transfiguration Sunday

Lectionary Year C

Scripture: [Luke 9:28-43](#) [**Summary:** *The Transfiguration of Jesus*]

Supplies Needed: A working flashlight with the batteries taken out. You'll want to have those batteries with you, though, as they will be needed later on in the message.

ASK (a.k.a. *The On-Ramp*)

- Good morning!
- *[Hold up the flashlight]* Can you tell me what this is? (a flashlight!)
- What do you use it for? (To find things in the dark, for camping, to play flashlight wars, etc.)
- How do I turn it on? (you flip the switch/click the button)
- How about I do that now? *[Flip the switch - nothing will happen because you don't have the batteries in it]*
- Uh oh! Nothing happened! Why might that be? (The bulb is burned out! The batteries are dead! There are no batteries!)
- Batteries...? *[act confused]* Flashlights need batteries? (YES!)
- Ah – well, it just so happens that I took them out *[open up the flashlight and show everyone that there are indeed no batteries]*
- What do you think? If I put the batteries back in do you think the flashlight will work?
- *[put the batteries in it and turn the flashlight on]*
- Hey, it works – the flashlight is all bright and shiny now!

TELL (a.k.a. *The Freeway*)

- In today's story, Jesus also shines for a little bit, sort of like this flashlight.
- The story starts with Jesus going up a mountain with his disciples to pray (once they are at the top of the mountain).

- And while Jesus is praying, while he's paying attention to God, he's able to receive God's power and love. That's when he lights up and shines.
- It's when Jesus lights up and shines in today's story that makes me think about this flashlight.
- Just like this flashlight needs to be connected to this battery's power to shine, Jesus needed to be connected to God's power to shine.

SHARE the Good News (a.k.a. *The Destination*)

- The exciting thing about today's story is that Jesus invites us to learn from him how we can also receive God's power and love so that we too can shine with God's light.
- When we learn from Jesus how to connect to God's power and energy, then we will start to shine with God's love, healing, forgiveness and grace.
- And, because we are shining with God's power and love, that means others will be better able to see and know God's power and love – just like a flashlight helps others see better in the dark.
- That's the Good News for today. Let's pray. This is a repeat-after-me prayer.

CLOSING Prayer

Dear God,

Dear God,

Thank you for Jesus...

Thank you for Jesus...

...who teaches us ...

...who teaches us...

...how to receive your power and love...

...how to receive your power and love...

...so that we can then shine...

...so that we can then shine...

...with your love, healing and mercy...

...with your love, healing and mercy...

...just like Jesus did.

...just like Jesus did.

Thank you and Amen