

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18.

Abraham trusted God even when called to make the greatest sacrifice, and God rewarded him.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 31-34.

Paul encourages us to have confidence in God since Jesus, his Son, is always interceding for us.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10.

Peter, James and John on Mount Tabor have a foretaste of Jesus' Resurrection and are strengthened by the sight of Jesus' glory.



Points for Reflection

1. **By his Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, Jesus gave the Apostles the assurance and a foretaste of the glory of his Resurrection, and revealed to them *“that the promised Christ had first to suffer and so come to the glory of his Resurrection”*.**
2. **Jesus wants us to share this glory, too.** He wants to transfigure us, to transfigure the whole world. Our transfiguration is a gradual process, which began at the moment of our Baptism, when we were plunged into the paschal mystery of Jesus' Death and Resurrection. **If we live by faith**, if we “listen to Jesus, the beloved Son of God”, **we know what God wants of us--brotherhood, love, justice and peace.**
3. But, unfortunately, **we are so often tempted to follow our own worldly standards of living** instead of molding our thoughts, desires and actions upon our faith in Jesus. We are prejudiced, selfish, lazy, ready to take offence, and slow to forgive. It is difficult for us, as it was for the Apostles, to follow, trust and love a Messiah obedient to death—even a death on a Cross.
4. **Abraham** was called by God, and was trusting enough to make the sacrifice of his only son. **Jesus** put the Father at the centre of his life. **God now invites us to “listen to his beloved Son, Jesus”**, to surrender our lives to him. Difficult though it may be, **if we answer God's call, he will gradually transfigure us, enabling us to share his Son's glory and contribute towards building a better world.**

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Kids' Corner

Colour the picture of Abraham and Isaac below.

