

This story will be Sunday's Gospel story.

'Gospel' is a word that comes from the Greek language. It means 'Good News'.

It's about the **'transfiguration'** of Jesus'.

It's difficult to explain to you what **'transfiguration'** means exactly, but I think the closest I can get to it is

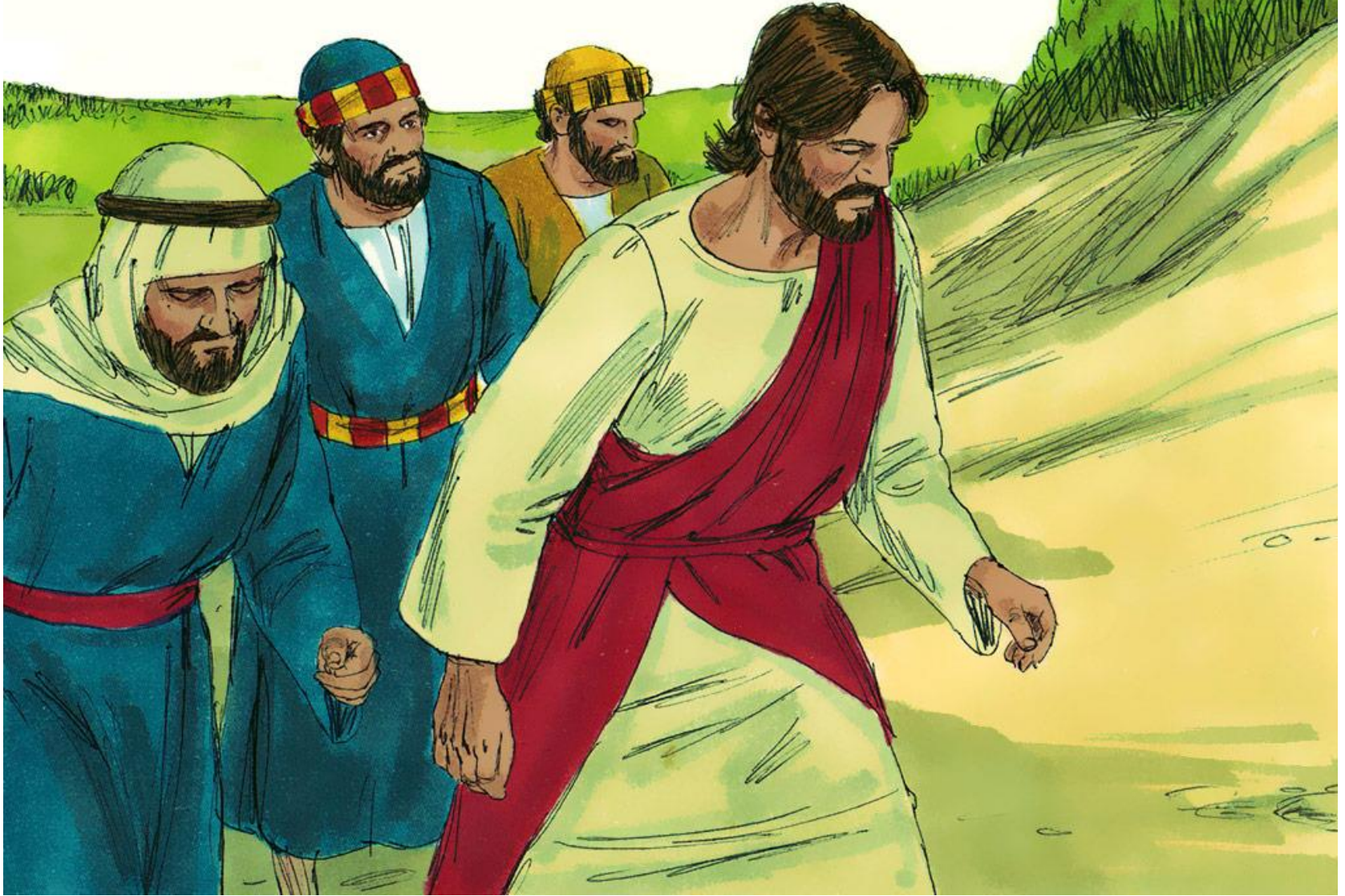
'Jesus is shown as another version of himself'

or perhaps

'Jesus is shown as the version of himself he will become'.

What do you think your best version of yourself is?

Here is the **story**:



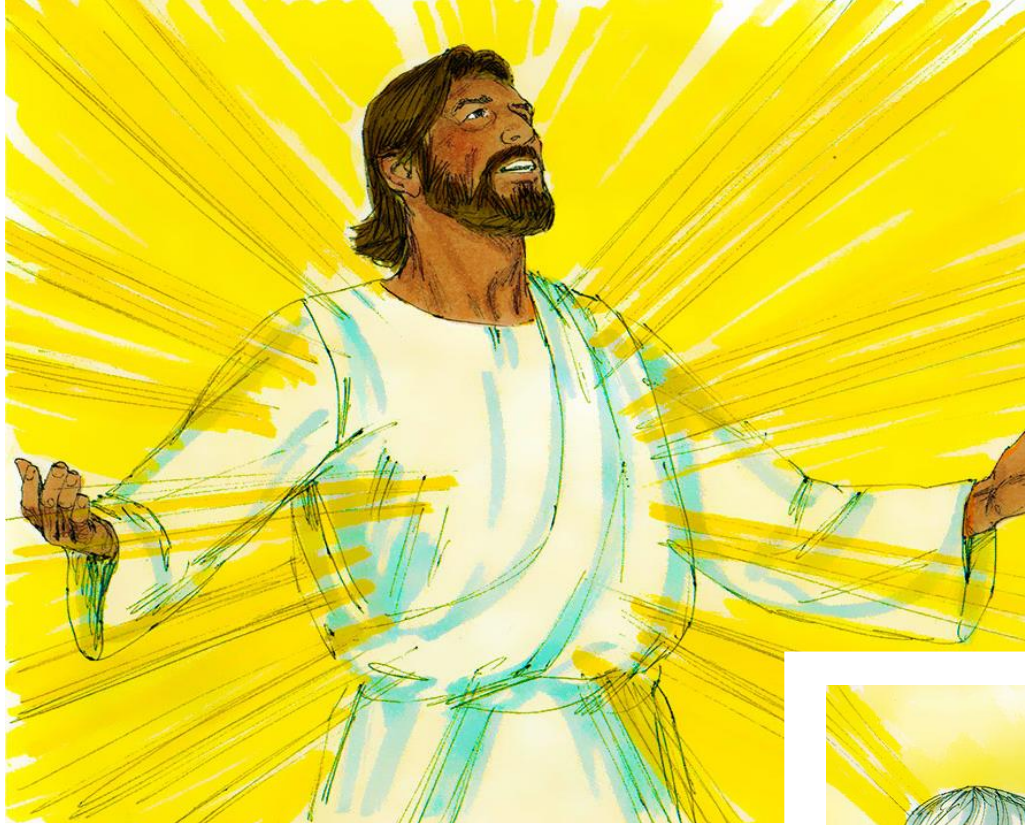
Peter, James and John went with Jesus up a mountain to pray.



Jesus began to
pray...

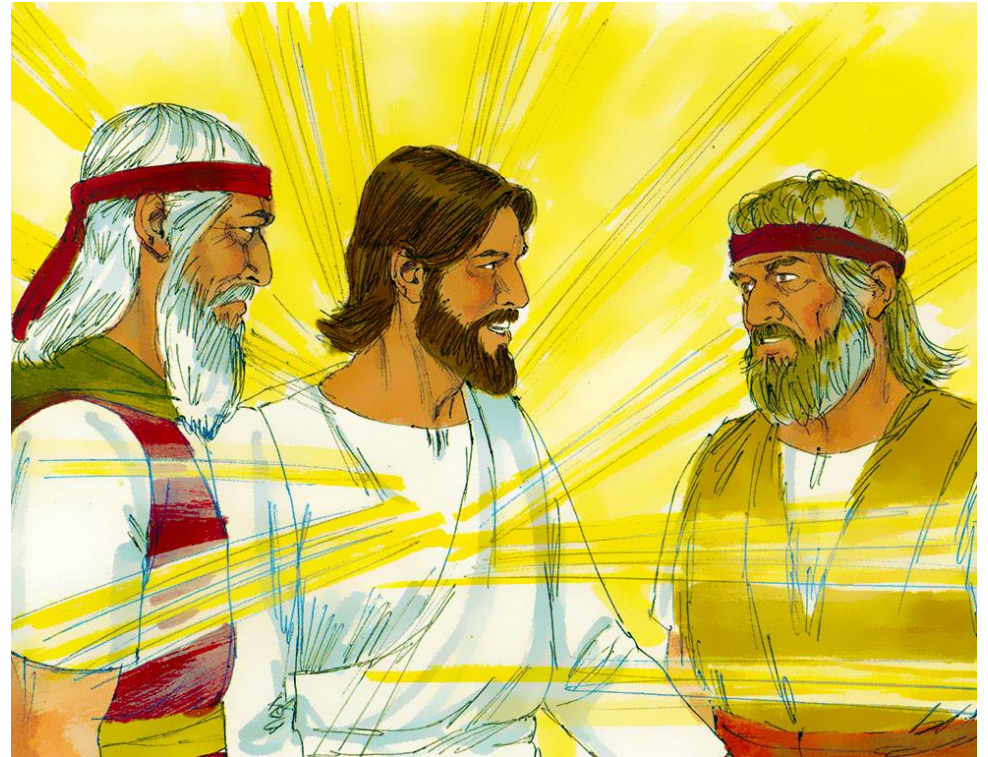
...but Peter,
James and John
were so tired that
they fell asleep.



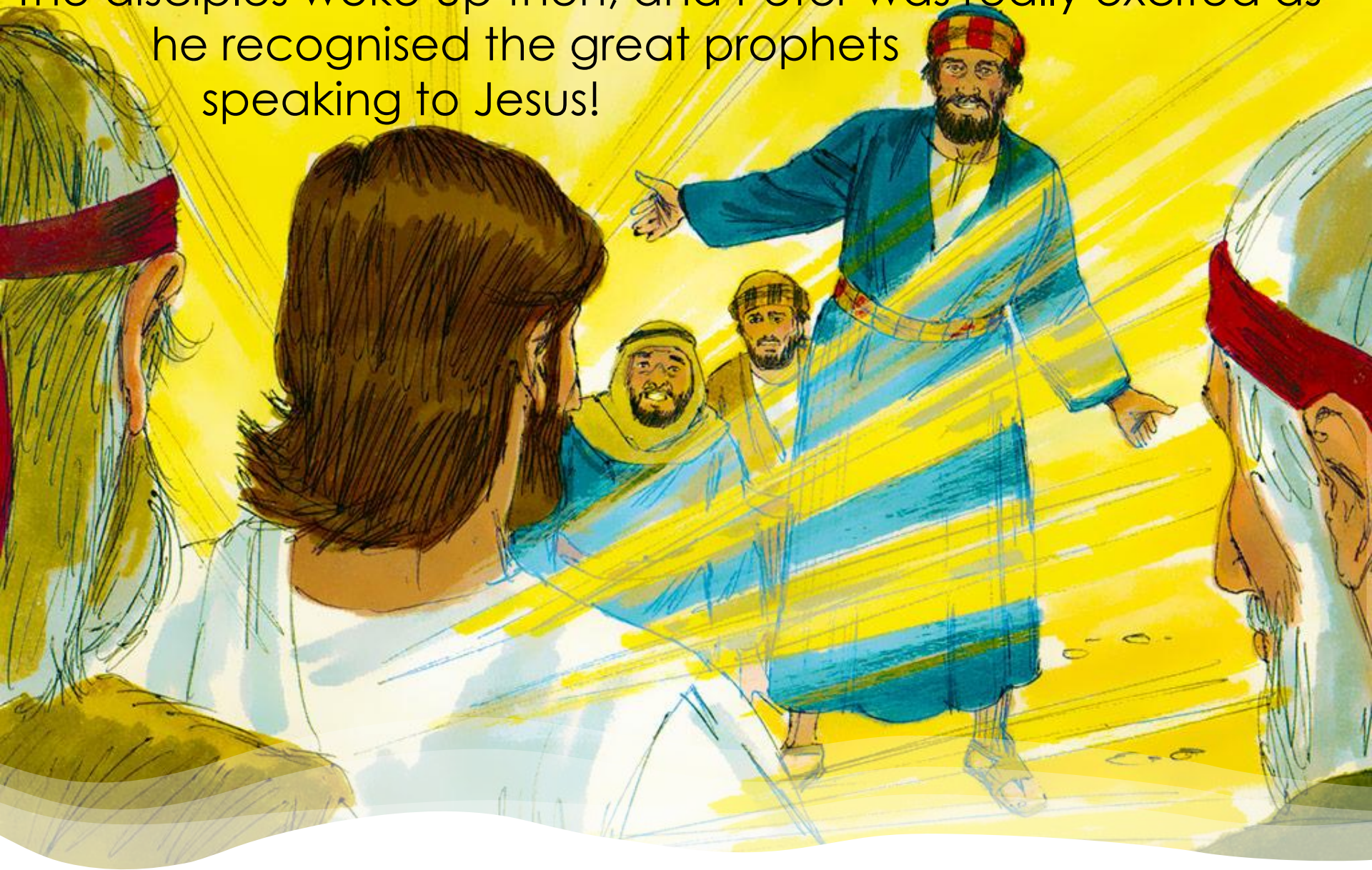


As Jesus prayed, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.

Moses and Elijah, the great prophets, appeared with him and spoke to him about the path that his life was to follow.



The disciples woke up then, and Peter was really excited as he recognised the great prophets speaking to Jesus!

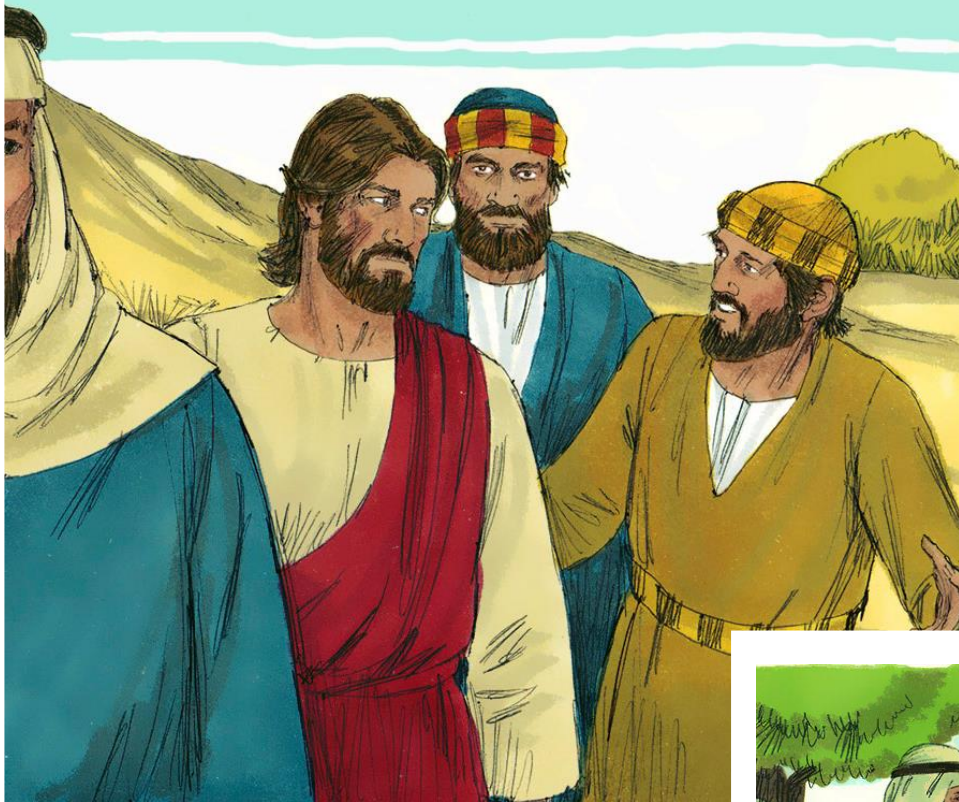


“This is wonderful!” he cried. “Let me build three tents here – one for you, Lord, one for Elijah and one for Moses!”



Then a cloud came down and covered Jesus, Elijah and Moses. They heard a voice: "This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to what he tells you!"

The disciples were afraid then and they hid their faces. When they looked up again, they were alone with just Jesus.



Jesus asked them
not to say anything
about this day until
he had risen from
the dead.

They talked to each
other, and to Jesus,
about what this meant.
Jesus told them that his
life had a pattern to
follow that God had set.



Sometimes in life we don't get things.



**Do you think the disciples
got what was going on
that day?**

What do you think they thought?

Was it mad? Crazy? Unbelievable? Amazing?



Jesus understands that we
don't get stuff at times.

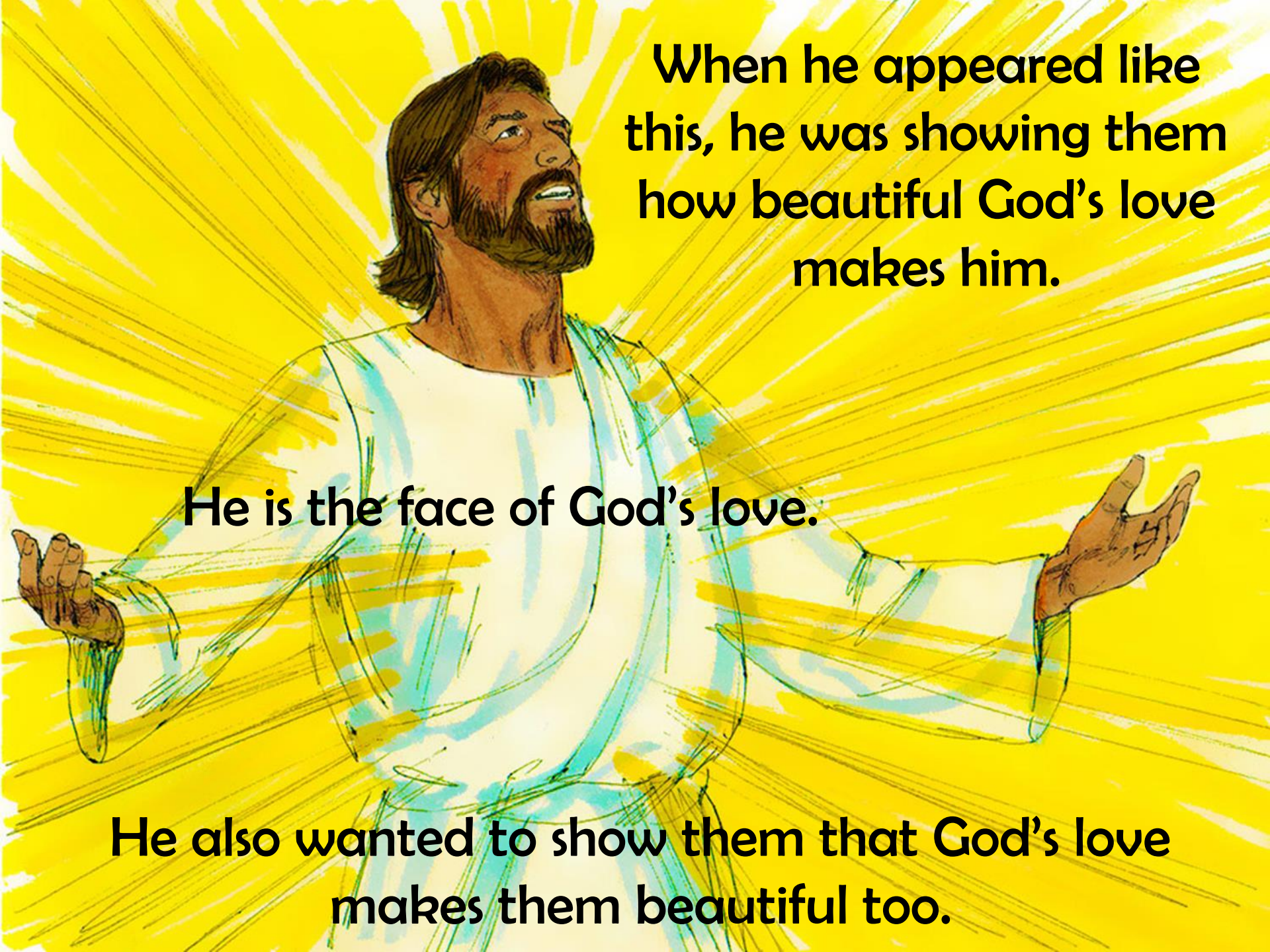
That's why he likes to show us
what exactly to concentrate
on.

He showed the disciples
something very special that
day.

I think he showed them a
bit of the future!

What do you think your future
holds?





**When he appeared like
this, he was showing them
how beautiful God's love
makes him.**

He is the face of God's love.

**He also wanted to show them that God's love
makes them beautiful too.**

**All they have to do is keep
remembering that...**

**“God’s love makes me
beautiful!”**

Lord Jesus,
In you we can see God's face,
leaning close to the world
and whispering,
"You are my children!
I am with you always!"

Where can we see the face of God in our world today?

Is it where people are kind to everyone they meet?

Is it where people share without wanting things back?

Is it where people pray and really mean it?

Help me be the person that shows God's face in my
world!