

SOUTHWELL MINSTER VIRTUAL JUNIOR CHURCH,

First Sunday Before Lent

14th February, 2021

Welcome!

Hello everyone and welcome to our online Junior Church!

(Victoria speaking)



Let's begin by thinking about each other as if we are together; let us pray for each other, for our families, for our friends and for everyone who is affected by the coronavirus.

Take a moment of quiet looking at the candle and remembering that Jesus is the Light of the World, and he is with us.

The Gospel reading for today is from - Mark Chapter 9 verses 2-9.

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them.

³ His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.

⁴ And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters - one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah."

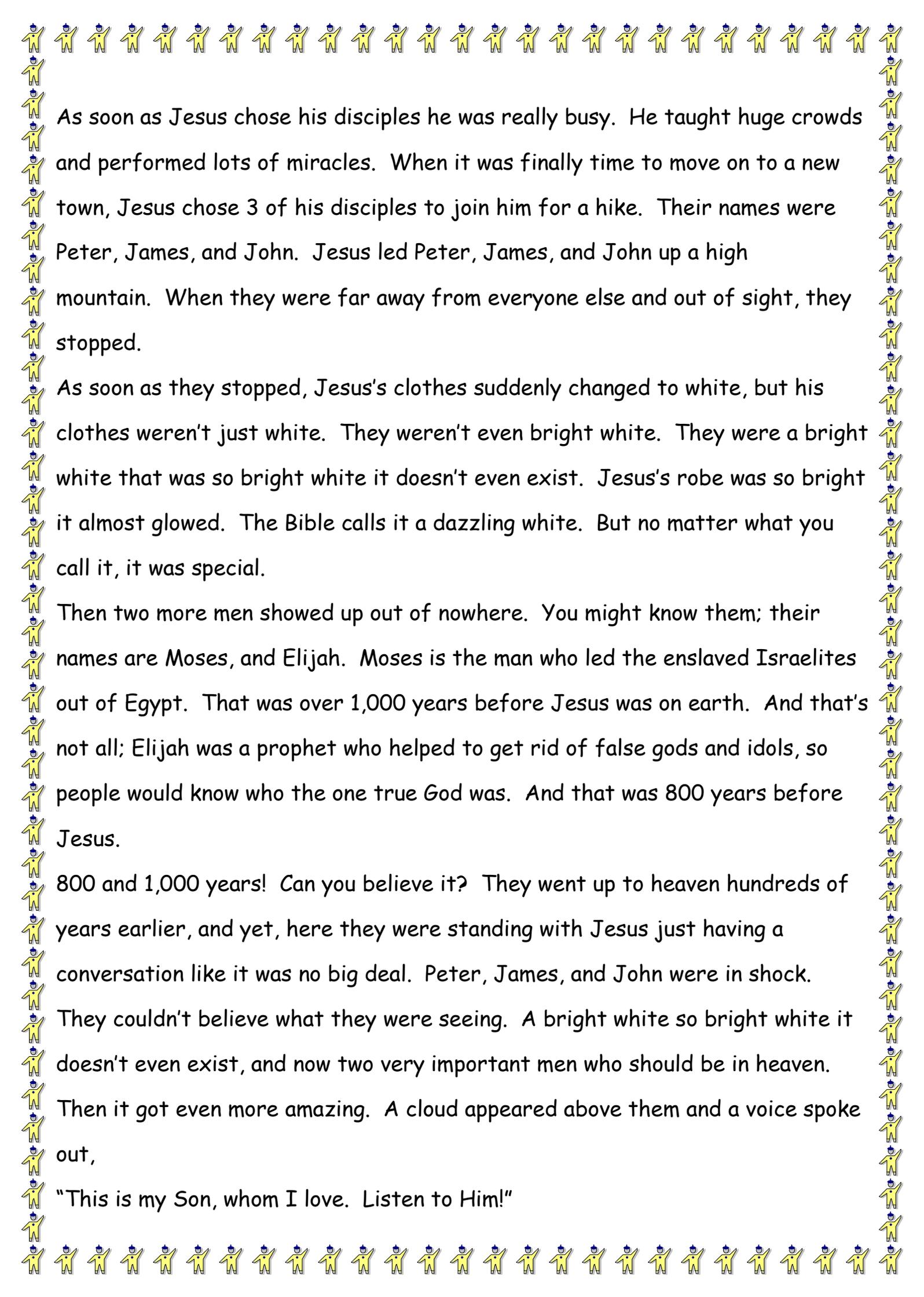
⁶ (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷ Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.





As soon as Jesus chose his disciples he was really busy. He taught huge crowds and performed lots of miracles. When it was finally time to move on to a new town, Jesus chose 3 of his disciples to join him for a hike. Their names were Peter, James, and John. Jesus led Peter, James, and John up a high mountain. When they were far away from everyone else and out of sight, they stopped.

As soon as they stopped, Jesus's clothes suddenly changed to white, but his clothes weren't just white. They weren't even bright white. They were a bright white that was so bright white it doesn't even exist. Jesus's robe was so bright it almost glowed. The Bible calls it a dazzling white. But no matter what you call it, it was special.

Then two more men showed up out of nowhere. You might know them; their names are Moses, and Elijah. Moses is the man who led the enslaved Israelites out of Egypt. That was over 1,000 years before Jesus was on earth. And that's not all; Elijah was a prophet who helped to get rid of false gods and idols, so people would know who the one true God was. And that was 800 years before Jesus.

800 and 1,000 years! Can you believe it? They went up to heaven hundreds of years earlier, and yet, here they were standing with Jesus just having a conversation like it was no big deal. Peter, James, and John were in shock.

They couldn't believe what they were seeing. A bright white so bright white it doesn't even exist, and now two very important men who should be in heaven.

Then it got even more amazing. A cloud appeared above them and a voice spoke out,

"This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!"



And suddenly it all disappeared. No cloud, no Moses, no Elijah; just Jesus on a hike with Peter, James, and John, slowly walking back down the mountain.

Wasn't that a crazy story? Can you even imagine it? Colours that don't exist! People from hundreds of years ago! A talking cloud! I can't even imagine what it was like for them.

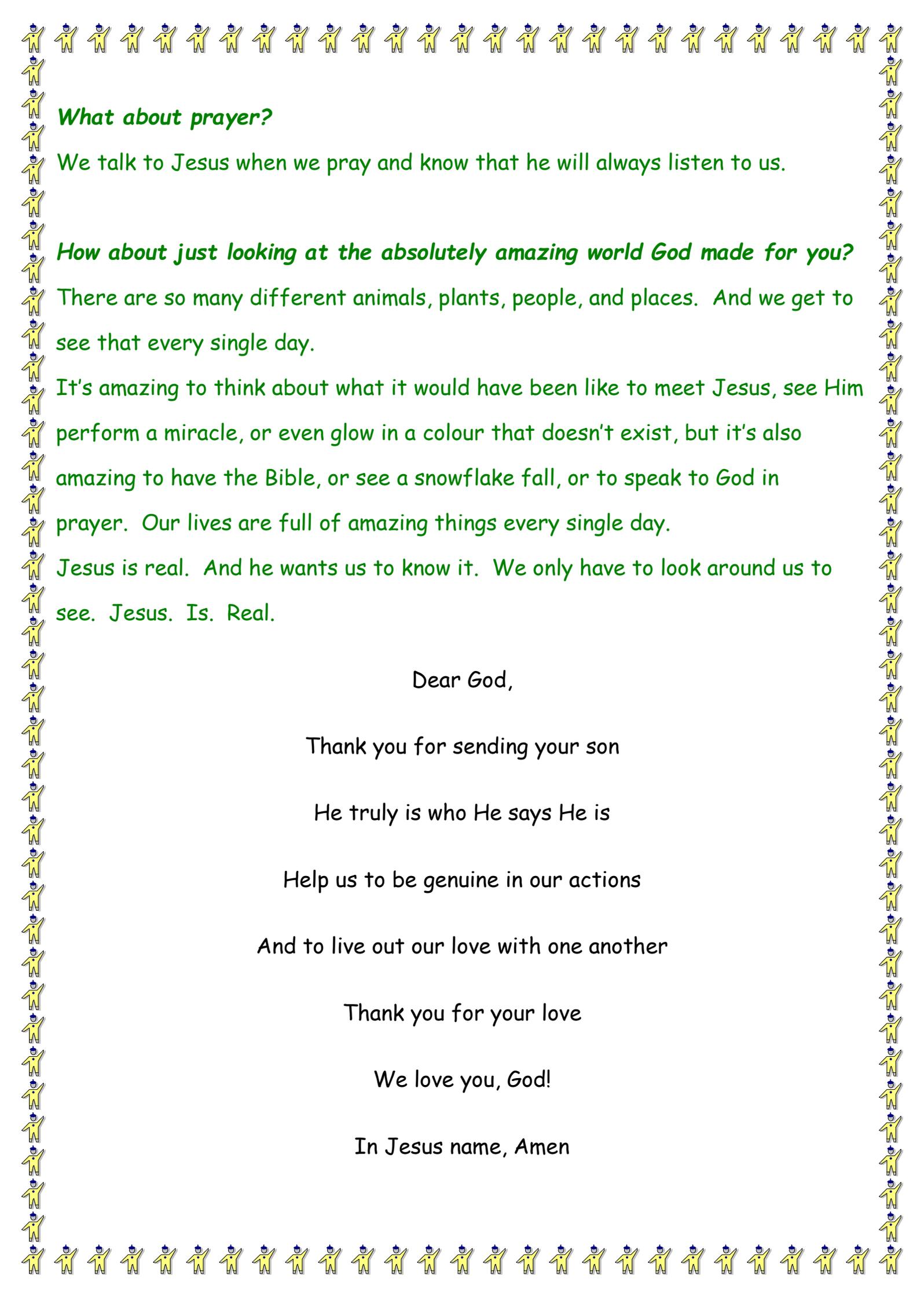
But I can imagine that it must have helped Peter, James, and John believe that Jesus really was the Messiah. It's hard to doubt something you can see with your own eyes. It was proof that Jesus really is real.

Now, I highly doubt that any of us will get a visit from Moses, or hear a talking cloud, but that doesn't mean we can't know Jesus is real. We just have to find out a different way.

What's one way we can know Jesus is real?

How about the Bible?

We can see the Bible, and it tells us all about Jesus and why He came. It tells about Jesus being born, teaching, performing miracles, dying on the cross and coming back on the third day, even glowing in a colour that doesn't exist. There is so much written in the Bible that we can learn something new from it each and every day. We even get to know things about Jesus that Peter, James, and John didn't know.



What about prayer?

We talk to Jesus when we pray and know that he will always listen to us.

How about just looking at the absolutely amazing world God made for you?

There are so many different animals, plants, people, and places. And we get to see that every single day.

It's amazing to think about what it would have been like to meet Jesus, see Him perform a miracle, or even glow in a colour that doesn't exist, but it's also amazing to have the Bible, or see a snowflake fall, or to speak to God in prayer. Our lives are full of amazing things every single day.

Jesus is real. And he wants us to know it. We only have to look around us to see. Jesus. Is. Real.

Dear God,

Thank you for sending your son

He truly is who He says He is

Help us to be genuine in our actions

And to live out our love with one another

Thank you for your love

We love you, God!

In Jesus name, Amen

Can you work out the words and then match them to the boxes at the bottom to make a phrase?

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HEINS
4 6 8

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Jesus, Moses, and Elijah on the mountain.

Can you find your way through the maze to join Jesus, Moses and Elijah?





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