

# DRAW NEAR

And Be Amazed!  
Mark 9:1-13

Message: November 1, 2020

**Key thought:** People can learn to respond in positive ways to what happens to them.

## Parent Helps:

- Invite your child to tell about a person with whom he/she enjoys spending time. What makes the person special? Why do you like being with him or her?
- Explain that today's Bible reading is about a day when Jesus spent time with Peter, James, and John. Jesus invited His three friends to come with Him for a special time with God. They were amazed by what they saw and heard.
- Read Mark 9:2-13

## Discussion Questions:

### Younger Kids Questions:

1. What is something amazing that you know about God?
2. What is your favorite way to spend time with God?
3. Why is it important for people to spend time praying, reading the Bible, and going to church?

### Additional Older Kids Questions:

1. Has there ever been a time when you saw God do something amazing? What was it?
2. James 4:8 says to "draw near" (or come close) to God. What do you think it means to "draw near" to God?
3. How does being near to God change your attitude and the choices you make?

## Apply:

- Be amazed by who God is. (1 Samuel 2:2; 1 Chronicles 29:11; Jeremiah 32:17; Matthew 19:26; 1 John 4:8)
- Be in His presence. (1 Chronicles 16:11; Psalm 63:6-8; Matthew 6:6; James 4:8)
- Be changed. (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 12:2; Ephesians 2:10)

## Activity:

Invite your child to choose 10 colored candy pieces (such as M&M's™ or Skittles™). Use the colors he/she chooses to help him/her spend time talking to God.

- For each **GREEN** piece, praise God for something He created.
- For each **RED** piece, pray for a person you love.
- For each **YELLOW** piece, pray for a church leader.
- For each **ORANGE** piece, pray for someone who is sick.
- For each **BLUE** piece, pray for a person who needs to know Jesus.

## Pray Together:

- Praise God for His amazing power.
- Ask God to help you spend time with Him, and ask God to make you more like Jesus.
- Pray that our pastors and staff would not neglect their personal time with God as they seek to lead our church family.

