

- Family Service

Who is it?

- Who do we listen to?
 - work out list of people in authority who can tell us to do things?
 - put them up on the flip-chart?
 - get someone to draw pictures?
- Can you think of a time when two different people are telling you to do different things at the same time?
 - eg teacher and friend?
 - how do you know which one to listen to?

Account of the Transfiguration

- Retell story, asking people to listen carefully so they can tell who Jesus' friends should listen to **and why!**
 - context - just after Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ; and in particular after Jesus' teaching about his death in Jerusalem and how necessary that would be...
 - what disciples were in danger of not listening to was this teaching

Listen up!

Memory Verse

- God said, "This is my Son... listen to him" (v.35)
- use OHP, and block out bits of the verse with fold on paper...

- **WHY** should we listen to Jesus again?
- *Have headband activity sheets - and get the kids to colour them in and make them up*
- Talk here to adults about who Jesus was revealing himself to be:
 - Messiah... but **suffering Messiah**
 - which would demand the disciples place their sins on Jesus' shoulders, accept from him salvation, would require humility
 - and that was hard to accept!
- But on the Mountain **Peter's confession of Jesus as Messiah is confirmed...**
 - and the disciples are reminded that **because he is God's Son, what he says is true, reliable, and authoritative!**

And the practical implication of that is....???

- how we listen to God...!
- authority he has - over how we live our lives
- authority he has - over what believe!
- **Merge back in with the kids** and their headbands now
 - and ask them about how we listen to God!
 - from the Bible, and from the Holy Spirit's prompting