

# Linked Hearts Transfiguration Talk

## You will need:

- Four strips of paper, 4cm x 30cm (or larger if you are doing an up-front demo)
- scissors
- glue sticks

## What to do:

1. Glue one strip of paper into a normal loop.
2. Glue another strip into a loop, but give one end a half-twist before you stick it. This is a Mobius strip.
3. Make the other two strips into Mobius strips but **MAKE SURE THEY GET TWISTED OPPOSITE WAYS!** This is very important. Have a look at the video below if you are not sure. One must be twisted to the right and one to the left. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtEUAdUyhCQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtEUAdUyhCQ)
4. Glue them together in a cross shape. Again, refer to the video if you are not sure.

## Script

Hello, today we're going to talk about how something that looks ordinary, can be amazingly special. If smaller people would like to come to the front so that you can see better, come along now. Make sure your grown-ups are happy with you being on the live-feed. And I'm going to need two helpers. Bigger children, please, because you need to handle scissors. **[Give helpers the two single strips and scissors.]**

What do we have here? **[Loop 1]** A strip of paper in a loop. Pretty ordinary-looking. What do you think will happen if you cut it in two along its length? You will get two loops? Yes, that seems reasonable. Off you go. **[Child cuts along middle of loop to make two loops]** Great, just as we expected. Nothing surprising here.

Now what about this loop? **[Loop 2]** It's very similar to the last one, but it does have this little twist in it. So it's not quite ordinary. What do you think will happen if you cut it in two along its length? Two loops? Let's try it. **[Child cuts along middle of loop to make one large loop]** Oh, that was rather special. Thank you to our helpers, a round of applause please.

Some of you may recognise the second loop as a Mobius strip, if you want to know more, come and chat to me afterwards. But I have a third Mobius strip here, **[Loops 3&4]** in fact it's two Mobius strips stuck together. And, I don't know about you, but I think it looks like a tangle of paper, like I tried to make a paper sculpture and it went wrong. Maybe I should throw this in the bin. What do you think? No? You think I should cut it in half? Alright. **[Cut one loop and then other loop as you talk.]**

Today, we are thinking about the Transfiguration, that time when something or someone ordinary-looking was shown to be amazingly special. Jesus went up a mountain with some of his disciples and his appearance was changed before their eyes. That's what Transfiguration means.

When the disciples had first met Jesus, they probably thought he was like our first loop - pretty ordinary. Just a regular guy. Grubby feet and bit sweaty, but good with a hammer and nails. If you had a chair with a wobbly leg, he was the bloke to ask. Then after they been with him a while, they worked out that maybe he was more like our second loop - a bit special. After all, he told pretty great stories and God answered his prayers for healing, and some of the things he said about himself ...

But at the Transfiguration, Jesus showed that he was not our first loop of paper, not even our second loop. Jesus revealed himself as more special than they could ever have imagined.

Jesus shining in God's glory as fully human and fully divine.

Jesus, God become one of us, to bring each of us to God.

Jesus, who looked ordinary, but who was really amazingly special.

In Jesus, God shows his love to us so that we can show our love to God. **[Show two linked hearts.]**