

Family Worship Guide – Week 35

MEMORIZE

Revelation 5:9-10 – And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

READ

Read Revelation 5:1-10.

During his vision, John began to weep when no one was found worthy to open the scroll God held in his hand as he sat on his throne. However, John’s weeping was not to last long as the elders surrounding the throne revealed that there was one who was worthy: the Lion of Judah, the Root of David, the Lamb that was slain, Jesus the Christ. Just as they had worshiped the Father on his throne, so, too, do the elders and the creatures begin to worship the Lamb for his worthiness, which was not simply based on his status as God the Son. It was also the result of his work of redeeming his people through his death and resurrection. This is also what makes him worthy of our worship today.

Questions:

How is Jesus like a lion?

How is Jesus like a lamb?

Why does Jesus’ death and resurrection make him worth to take the scroll and open its seals?

Bottom Line: Jesus alone is the worthy Lamb who was slain.

SING

As we continue to worship through music let us fix our eyes on the glorious picture we see described in Revelation 5. See the living creatures and the elders, falling before the Lamb, with a new song on their lips, singing, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

Let us join the host of heaven in worship of the Lamb of God who has ransomed us by his blood, as we sing our Family Worship song, “Holy”. This song (written by Jason Ingram, Matt Redman, and Jonas Myrin) is a declaration that Jesus is holy and He alone is worthy of our praise and affections. He is our judge. He is the great I Am. It is by his name that we are brought from life to death. So, let’s sing with grateful hearts to our Savior!

Visit our website for a link to this song: www.brookhills.org/gathering/this_week.html.

SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created by the age-group ministry leaders as a way to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God’s word and worship Him together.

Preschool

- Gather these supplies: Bible, cotton balls, a cut out of a lamb, crayons or markers, glue, and construction paper.
- Before you begin, open you Bible to Revelation 5:9-10.
- Glue the cut out of the lamb onto the construction and help your child glue cotton balls on the lamb.
- Read the verse with your child.
- Explain that the lamb represents Jesus and that in Jesus’ day people would pick out their best lamb to give to God. They would offer if to God as a sacrifice. Because they offered the right sacrifice, God would forgive them for the bad things they had done.

- When Jesus came, He was called the “Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” Like the lamb, He was sacrificed so that God would forgive us for all the wrong/bad choices that we have done and will do. Jesus never sinned. Jesus was pure and holy. That is why He was able to take the punishment for our sins. Because Jesus chose to be the lamb that died on the cross, we don't have to sacrifice lambs as the Israelites did. Long ago God promised to send a Savior, someone who would take away our sins. He sent Jesus from heaven to earth to save us from our sin/bad choices
- Pray with your child and thank God for sending Jesus from heaven to earth to save us.

Children

- Ask: What is a sacrifice?
- Explain: Sacrifice means giving up something valuable for the sake of something else. In the Old Testament God required His people to offer sacrifices as payment for their sins. The Bible tells us that God often required an innocent lamb to be sacrificed. There was a problem though. The people kept on sinning and so they had to keep offering sacrifices over and over again.
- Read: John 1:29.
- Ask: Why did John the Baptist call Jesus the Lamb of God?
- Explain: Jesus willingly gave his life on the cross as the payment for all of our sins.
- Read: Revelation 5:1-10.
- In this passage Jesus is referred to as the Lamb that was slain and the Lion of Judah. Why do you think Jesus was called a lion? Jesus showed the courage, might, and fierceness of a lion. The devil stalks us, but Christ is the conquering lion, who by his death on the cross overcame the devil, death, and Hell so that we can go to Heaven. He is worthy to be our Savior, best friend, and Lord!
- The lion is the king of the beasts, and Jesus Christ is the "King of kings" (Revelation 19:16). He shows that He is "The Lion of Judah" by His:
 - Majesty - rebuking the winds and demons.
 - Power - healing the sick and raising the dead.
 - Authority - "You have heard it was said ... But I say to you."
- He shows that He is the "Lamb of God" by His:
 - Kindness - "When He was insulted, He did not insult in turn."
 - Meekness - "Led to the slaughter ... He opened not His mouth."
 - Gentleness - "Let the little children come unto Me."
- The Bible says we all have sinned, every one of us, and that no one could ever be found who measures up to God's standards. God doesn't want us to sacrifice lambs today because Jesus died in our place. God accepted Jesus' death as our punishment for all of our sins. He became our sacrifice and that is why He is called the "Lamb of God".
- Ask: Is Jesus your Lord and Savior? If He is, then you can truly say, "Jesus sacrificed Himself on the cross to pay for my sins as the Lamb of God AND He is the Lion of Judah who set me free from all my sins!"
- Suggestion: Use spoons and pots and pans to form a family worship band. Sing and dance in worship of our Lord who alone is worthy.

Students

- Intro
 - Has something ever been right in front of your eyes that you wanted so badly, but you were unable to possess it on your own?
 - Think about when you were younger.
 - Imagine that you are at a theme park and you see the greatest ride ever. But, you are not allowed to ride it because you are too short.
 - There is nothing you can do to make yourself taller and able to go on the ride.
 - In Revelation 5, John has an experience where he so desperately wants something but he is not able to attain it on his own.
- Discussion
 - Read Revelation 5:1-10.
 - Who is seated on the throne? (God the Father)
 - What question does the angel ask in verse 2?
 - Why is John weeping?
 - He is desperately seeking to know what is in the scroll.
 - He knows that it contains information that God wants to reveal.
 - However, no one is worthy to open it. (What does worthy mean?)

- Then the elder gives him some good news. What does he tell John (vs. 5)?
 - Who is “the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David”?
 - Why is he the only one that is worthy to open the scroll?
 - Why does his death and resurrection make him worthy to take the scroll and open its seals?
- Read the *Read* section above.
- Worship
 - Spend some time just worshipping Jesus for who he is as a family.

