

Revelation 1:9-20

“Show and Tell”

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Memory Verse: Revelation 1:17: “*And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.”*”

Lesson Focus: John’s heavenly “*Show and Tell*” reveals the glorified Jesus Christ which is likely unfamiliar to most of us. We hope that the kids will catch a vision for how great and awesome Jesus is RIGHT NOW and respond with loving faith and repentance.

Activities and Crafts: Revelation Coloring Picture, Word Search of different terms from lesson, Bring it Home Discussion for 3rd – 5th.
Activity for 1st and 2nd Graders: The Bridge Illustration

Starter Activity: Show and Tell

As we continue in our study of the first chapter of Revelation we will get some more mileage out of the “*Show and Tell*” activity that we did the week before in our study of the first half of this chapter (check out last week’s lesson to see how we worked it in). Below are some questions to get some discussion started:

- Q: Do you kids still do “*Show and Tell*” at school?
- Q: What are some things that you have brought to school for “*Show and Tell*”?
- Q: Why did you bring those things and what did you “*Tell*” about them?
- Q: If you could do “*Show and Tell*” today in class, what would you bring?

Teachers: At this point, consider bringing something unusual from your home to “*show and tell*” your class. * Tell them a little story about where it came from and why you chose to bring this. (If you served in class the week before and brought something in already, just bring in something else!) *

Last week we started the book of Revelation and talked about how this book of the Bible is God’s “Big Reveal”. This book uncovers or “reveals” God’s plan for the end of the world, the grand finale of the whole universe!

As we continue in our study, we will see that the disciple John was chosen by God for a special “*Show and Tell*” activity. He was first “*shown*” God’s plan for the end so that he could then “*tell*” God’s people (even us!) what’s going to happen and wrote it down in this book. And let’s not forget that God said that He will bless those who read, hear, and obey the words of this book. (**Revelation 1:3**) Let’s take God at His word here and listen to what He has to “*Show and Tell*” us through John!

Bible Study:

Revelation 1:9: John says that he was on the island of Patmos. This is a real island that you can visit today! *

Q: Have any of you been on an island before? When I think of islands, I think of vacation! But John was not there on a vacation! Quite the opposite: He says he was there because of tribulation and his testimony to the word of God and Jesus Christ. As a leader of the church, he was banished there as punishment for being a Christian. *

And remember this is the same John who was with Jesus when He walked the earth. Peter, Paul, James, and most of the other early disciples have been killed for their faith in Jesus already. He is old now and likely the only one left. One reason God has kept Him around was for this special session of “*Show and Tell*”!

Revelation 1:10: Most Bible experts think the Lord’s Day refers to a Sunday, the day that Jesus rose from the dead and which also became the regular day for churches to gather for worship. So maybe John is praying or worshipping on a Sunday and suddenly things begin to get a little unusual! It appears that he was supernaturally transported into heaven for this special session “*Show and Tell*”.

Q: What is it that John heard? A: A loud voice, as of a trumpet! * When I think of a loud trumpet, I think of royalty, majesty, and grandeur.

Revelation 1:11a: This loud trumpet-like voice speaks and identifies Himself as the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last. *

Q: Who do you think this is? A: This is Jesus, the Son of God!

Revelation 1:11b: Jesus is now telling John what to do: *Show and Tell!* He is to write in a book the things that He will be **shown** so that it can be **told** to these seven churches.

Q: Do any of you have a favorite number? Sometimes I wonder if seven is God’s favorite number. It shows up in special ways hundreds of times throughout the Bible and many times seems to carry special meaning. (Example: How many days were there in Creation and what was special about the 7th day?) * In Revelation alone it shows up over fifty times. While these seven churches were real places that John had been a part of *, a lot of Bible experts also believe these seven churches represent all churches. For this book wasn’t just given to them, but to all churches throughout history!

Revelation 1:12: Imagine you are John. You hear this loud and extraordinary trumpet-like voice behind you telling you what to do and as you turn around to see the person speaking to you, you see seven (there is that number again!) golden lampstands? Huh?

The Book of Revelation is a book where we will be saying “Huh?” a lot. Here’s why: Some of the things that John sees throughout this book are just SO AWESOME that he is

at a loss for words on how to describe them! He does the best he can to write what he sees and sometimes it is clear what it is but sometimes it is not so clear.

Revelation 1:13a: Ah, but now he tells us it is Jesus in the midst of these seven golden lampstands, one like the Son of Man. When Jesus walked the earth, He referred to Himself as this Son of Man more than any other title. It is a title of majesty and glory. * Check out how John describes Jesus in these next few verses!

Revelation 1:13b-16: Wow! I don't know about you, but this is not the picture of Jesus that I think of every day.

Q: How many of you have watched "*The Chosen*"? When we think of what Jesus looks like, we probably think of someone like the guy that plays Jesus on that show (beard, longer hair, kind). This could have been what He looked like while on the earth. But Jesus is no longer on the earth! After He rose from the dead He ascended into heaven.

This is what He looks like right now: The radiant, resurrected, Son of God in glory! *

Revelation 1:17a: Look at John's reaction to seeing the resurrected, glorified Jesus! He is so undone and overwhelmed by the glory of Jesus Christ that He crumbles at His feet! And remember John was close with Jesus for many years while He walked the earth!

Boys and Girls: Do you see Jesus this way? This picture describes Jesus as Someone too big, too holy, too powerful, too radiant, too awesome for sinners like us to even approach. And this is true: **Romans 3:23** says "*all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God!*" Yet, look at what Jesus does as we continue: *

Revelation 1:17b-18: It's like Jesus says, "It's OK! Yes, I am the all-powerful Son of God, but because my death paid for your sins, you can indeed be in My holy presence."

This is the gospel, the good news! Do you understand that you cannot stand before God in your sins? You need to repent and believe in His work on the cross and when you do, Jesus will receive you just like He did John here! Only then will you be saved from Hades and Death! *

Revelation 1:19-20: John is told again to write but then Jesus gives us some more information about some of these sevens. The seven stars in Jesus's hand represent angels or "messengers" to the churches. John will write letters to each messenger who will deliver them to the churches. And the seven lampstands are the churches themselves.

Key Point: Perhaps you have seen Jesus in a way that you have never seen Him before today. If you are unsure of whether you are saved and covered by the death of Jesus Christ, talk to one of your leaders today! But if you are saved, Jesus wants you also to "*Show and Tell*"! **Show** others what it means to be a Christian: loving God and loving others. And **tell** them that God is awesome and has provided a way, through faith in Jesus Christ, for them also to be saved!

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Teachers/Parents: Most kids should be familiar with “*Show and Tell*” and that is exactly what we see John commanded to do in this section of Scripture (and throughout this whole book). Have some discussion about what you would bring for “*Show and Tell*” if you were asked to bring something from home and share it with others. Why would you bring it and what would you say?

Discussion Questions:

- 1) **Read Revelation 1:9.** In class we talked about how this is a real island that you can visit today. John was banished there just like kids might get banished to their rooms because they were naughty. But why was John banished to Patmos?
- 2) **Read Revelation 1:10.** This is quite extraordinary. In your own words, describe how a loud and intelligible voice could also sound like a trumpet!
- 3) In **Revelation 1:12-13** we see Jesus described as “One like the Son of Man”. This was Jesus’s favorite title for Himself in the four gospels (see **Luke 19:10**). But read **Daniel 7:13-14** to get a better idea of how this title was understood. What kind of person is described there?
- 4) **Read Revelation 1:14-16.** Most of us probably do not think of Jesus this way, but the fact is that this best describes Jesus as He is RIGHT NOW, exalted and radiant in glory. How might seeing Jesus this way change how we live our lives?
- 5) **Read Revelation 1:17.** What was John’s reaction to seeing the glorified Jesus? What was Jesus’s reaction to John’s reaction?
- 6) **Read Romans 3:23.** This verse reminds us why we too would fall down as though dead at the feet of the glorified Jesus. But read **Romans 5:1-2**. What makes it possible for sinners like us to have access to the holy presence of God?
- 7) Who is someone that you can “*Show and Tell*” the good news of the gospel to?