

Revelation 5

“The Heavenly Throne (Part 2)”

Scripture: Revelation 5

Memory Verse: Revelation 5:13b: *“Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever, and ever.”*

Lesson Focus: Continuing from last week in our “sneak peak” of the heavenly throne room of God, Jesus finally makes His grand appearance. What we see is Him taking center-stage of the throne room and all of creation responding with worship. Our hope is that the kids will join in worship as they better comprehend why Jesus is worthy of their worship and loyalty.

Activities and Crafts: Jesus Taking the Scroll Coloring Picture, Word Search of different terms from lesson, Bring it Home Discussion for 3rd – 5th.
Activity for 1st and 2nd Graders: Mary Had A Little Lamb Craft

Starter Activity: The Best Birthday Party

Consider getting the lesson started by getting the kids thinking about birthday parties. Ask a series of questions that will get them to conceive of the best birthday party ever. First, ask the kids if anyone of them have a birthday in October and what they did or will be doing to celebrate. If appropriate, have the class sing, *“Happy Birthday”* to them.

Next ask the kids about a birthday party that they went to that just knocked their socks off. Maybe they were invited to go to Grand Wolf Lodge, SkyZone, or Chuck E Cheese for the first time. *

After having some discussion about some of these grand birthday party experiences, then ask them what they think would be the best birthday party ever. Get a few ideas, consider writing them on the whiteboard, and then have the class vote for what they think would be the best birthday party ever.

Finally, after establishing the best birthday party ever as a class, have them all pretend that they have been invited to such a party and ask them how they would feel: Super excited!! * But as they all arrive at this party beaming with excitement they learn that the birthday boy or girl is nowhere to be found. The party might even be cancelled! How would you feel now? Disappointed!

This leads us into our Bible study as we continue our “sneak peak” into the heavenly throne room of God. Last week you saw that there was a worship party around the throne of God. But someone very important was missing. Who was missing? Jesus! Well, He makes His entrance today and then the party really gets going. Let’s take a look!

Bible Study:

Revelation 5:1a: As we saw last week, the throne and the One sitting on it is at the center of this worship party. *

Q: Have you ever shown up late for a birthday party? When that happens, you might be wondering what you missed. Well, let's look back a few verses to review what we saw last week at this worship party. **Read Revelation 4:10-11.**

Q: Does anyone remember who these twenty-four elders worshipping seemed to be? A: Believers in the church like you and me! John's spirit was transported into the future where he sees Christians throughout all of the ages worshipping God the Father. *

Revelation 5:1b: John now zooms in on this scroll in the right hand of God the Father with seven seals. * The contents of this scroll are very important as we will see.

Revelation 5:2: This angel seems to issue a challenge to all of creation to take the scroll.

Q: How many of you have ever played those impossible carnival games at amusement parks like Elitch's? This angel reminds me of one of those guys running the game who throws out challenges to suckers passing by to come and waste their money! *

Revelation 5:3: Was any man or angel worthy to approach God the Father and open it? Nope! Remember this is God, the Maker of the universe, in ALL of His holiness!

Revelation 5:4: Notice John's reaction. He is upset, even crying, because no one has been found worthy to open the scroll. Why? Because this scroll contains the destiny for the whole universe! God's promises of eternal life, goodness, righteousness (and judgment) are all sealed in this scroll and won't come about until the scroll is opened. *

Think back to how you felt arriving at the greatest birthday party ever, but the birthday boy/girl wasn't there to set things in motion. Perhaps that is how John feels right now! *

Revelation 5:5a: But then John is told to wipe his tears! Instead, **BEHOLD!** This is one of the coolest Bible words as it usually means God is about to do something awesome. *

Revelation 5:5b: **BEHOLD!** Someone is indeed worthy to open the scroll and set things in motion.

Q: Who do you think this is? A: Yep, Jesus! He finally makes His appearance in the throne room and with some style too!

Jesus is described as the Lion of the tribe of Judah. This is a majestic title that was prophesied of the Messiah in the very first book of the Bible. (see **Genesis 49:8-12**).

Q: Why do you think Jesus was described as a Lion? A: Powerful, mighty, victorious!

Revelation 5:6: But as John wipes his eyes and looks, he doesn't see a lion, but he sees a slaughtered lamb standing? Huh? When Jesus first came to earth as a man, He was described as the "*lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*" (**John 1:29**)

He willingly went to the cross as a spotless lamb to take our sins upon Himself. But after He died on the cross, He rose again! The scars from His crucifixion, the scars He bore for your sins and mine, will be visible for all eternity!

Revelation 5:7: Yet Jesus, the risen Son of God, accepted the challenge and was indeed worthy to take the scroll! Now we can really get the party going! (**Teachers:** The next several verses describe different groups all worshipping the Lamb. Consider writing or drawing a Lamb on the whiteboard with a circle around it and add new rings around it as we see each group joining the worship party. See sample drawing on next page).

Revelation 5:8-10: (**Teachers:** Add the four creatures and the 24 elders as two more rings around the Lamb) Remember that if the twenty-four elders indeed represent the church, believers like you and me, these are words that we will be singing in heaven! *

Notice that these twenty-four elders mention that they were redeemed or purchased * by His blood from EVERY tribe, tongue, people, and nation! This is so important, because in our day people judge one another by the color of their skin.

Q: Does God judge people by the color of their skin? A: NO!

Q: Does God only love people with white skin? A: NO!

The gospel is for everyone! Therefore, believers in Jesus of EVERY skin color, nation, and culture are going to be around the throne of God worshipping Him! *

Revelation 5:11-12: Now John sees thousands upon thousands of angels joining in the worship party. Wow! What must this be like? If you are a believer in Jesus, you will be there! (**Teachers:** Add "host of angels" as another ring around the Lamb)

Revelation 5:13: Finally, it is all creation that joins in on this worship party. (**Teachers:** Finally, add "all creatures" as the final ring around the Lamb) Notice it is God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (v. 6) being worshipped by all of creation to wrap this up.

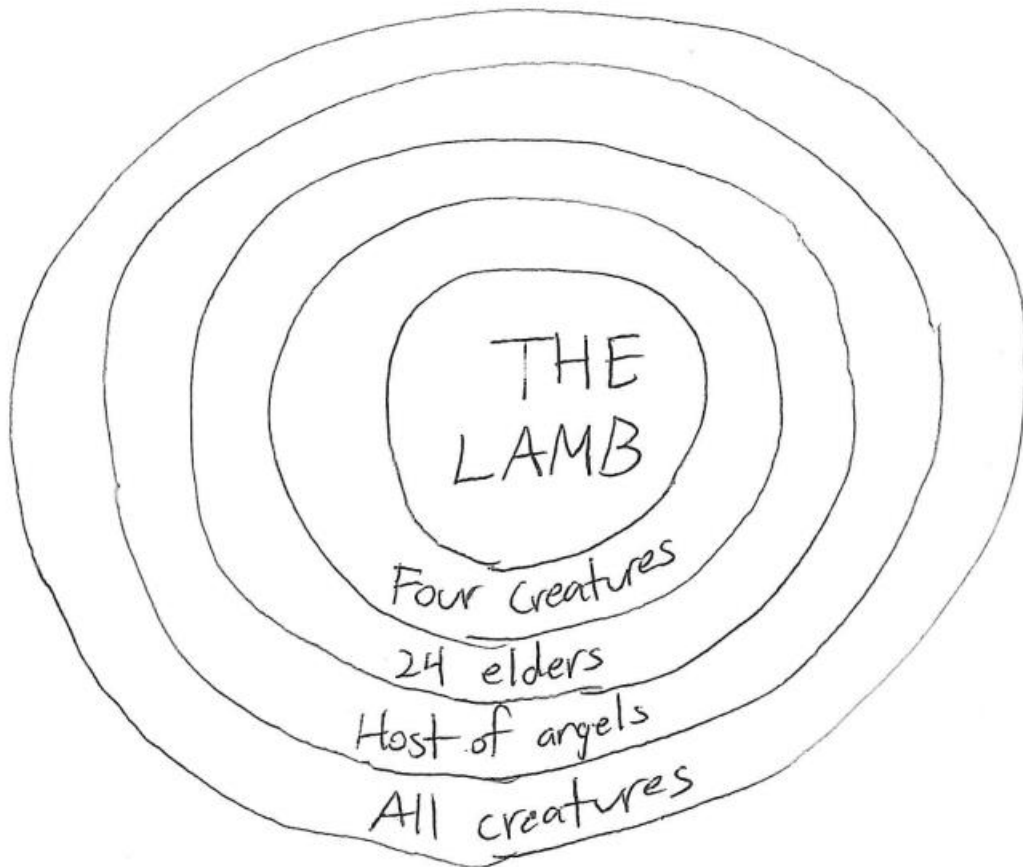
Revelation 5:14: Once more the twenty-four elders, believers like you and me, fall down and worship. Why? Because He is worthy. He purchased us with His blood. Jesus is the center of everything in heaven and He should be the center of everything in our lives too!

Key Point: How many of you are familiar with the nursery rhyme, "*Mary had a little lamb*"? Can anybody say it?

I'd like to share with you a better version about the Lamb that we studied about today in our Bible study. (**Teachers:** see next page) Wow! Let's worship together. * Consider closing out the lesson again by singing a song like "*Here I Am to Worship*" with the kids.

*Mary had a little lamb,
His life was pure as snow.
And everywhere the Father led,
The Lamb was sure to go.
He followed Him to the cross,
One dark and dreadful day,
And there the Lamb that Mary had
Washed all my sins away.*

--Author Unknown



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Teachers/Parents: Throughout class we described this chapter and the one before it as the “best worship party” ever. Since kids love birthday parties we asked the kids to imagine and conceive of the best birthday party ever. Ask your kid what they think would be the best birthday party ever. Share with them a birthday party experience you may have had that knocked your socks off.

Discussion Questions:

- 1) **Read Revelation 5:1-4.** Why do you think that John was sad about no one being able to open the scroll? In class we described this like being invited to that best birthday party ever, but then arriving with overwhelming disappointment because the birthday boy/girl never showed up to get the party started.
- 2) In **Revelation 5:5**, one of the elders tells John to stop crying and to instead, “BEHOLD”. In class we talked about how often in the Bible this word is used to highlight God doing something awesome. Read **Exodus 7:17** for one example. What did God do that they were to “BEHOLD”?
- 3) In **Revelation 5:5-6**, Jesus makes His grand appearance as both the Lion and the Lamb. In what ways is Jesus like a lion and in what ways is Jesus like a lamb? (see **Genesis 49:8-11** and **John 1:29**)
- 4) In **Revelation 5:9**, this new song of praise proclaims that people from every tribe, tongue, and nation will be redeemed. We live in an age where people judge one another by the color of their skin. What does this song indicate about how God sees people’s skin color?
- 5) **Revelation 5:8-14** describe this amazing progressive circle of worship where more and more creatures are added to the worship party. Who is at the center of this circle of worship?
- 6) How can you keep Jesus at the center of your life this week?