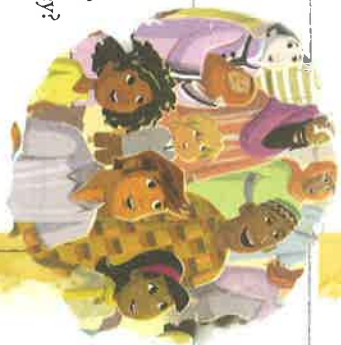


Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Before the Throne

Revelation 4–5

STORY POINT: ALL PEOPLE AND CREATURES WILL WORSHIP JESUS.

John was on the island of Patmos when he had a vision. Jesus appeared to John and showed him what will happen before the end of time. John wrote about what he saw in the Book of Revelation.

John saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it. He saw 24 thrones around it, and 24 elders sat on the thrones. John saw four living creatures around the throne. All day and night they said: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty, who was, who is, and who is coming.”

John saw the creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the One on the throne. The elders fell down and worshiped. They said to God: “You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because You have created all things.”

Then John saw a scroll in the right hand of the One seated on the throne. A mighty angel asked, “Who is worthy to open the scroll?” No one in heaven was worthy. One of the elders said, “Look! The Lion of Judah may open the scroll. He is worthy!”

Then John saw someone near the throne. He was standing like a slaughtered lamb. He took the scroll, and the elders and living creatures fell down before Jesus, the Lamb. John heard thousands and thousands of angels around the throne. John heard every creature everywhere—in heaven, on earth, under the earth, and on the sea—worshipping the Lamb together.

Christ Connection: John cried when he saw that no one was worthy to open the scroll. Then John saw the resurrected Lamb—God’s Son, Jesus. Jesus was killed on the cross so that we could have forgiveness and eternal life. Jesus is worthy. He deserves all praise, honor, and blessing.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why is Jesus worthy of all praise?
- What is your favorite way to worship Jesus?
- Why do you think it is important to worship with other believers?

Fit for a King

INSTRUCTIONS: Add items to the picture that you think belong in a throne room



Younger Kids Activity Pages

Unit 36 • Session 3 Before the Throne

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- In his vision, John saw a magnificent throne room and a glorious Person sitting on the throne.
- The One on the throne had a scroll that only Jesus was worthy of opening.
- Jesus, the Lamb who was slain, is worthy of all praise and honor.
- All people and creatures will worship Jesus.

KEY PASSAGE: Revelation 11:15

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What is the hope of the church? The church looks forward to Jesus' return when He will make all things new.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why is Jesus worthy of all praise?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Play a version of musical chairs. Decorate one chair to look special, like a throne. Play a worship song your family enjoys. When the music stops, each family member must sit. The one in the throne decides who is out in the next round. Remove a chair and repeat.



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