



UNIT 36 | SESSION 1

JESUS IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP

REVELATION 4-5

CHRIST CONNECTION:

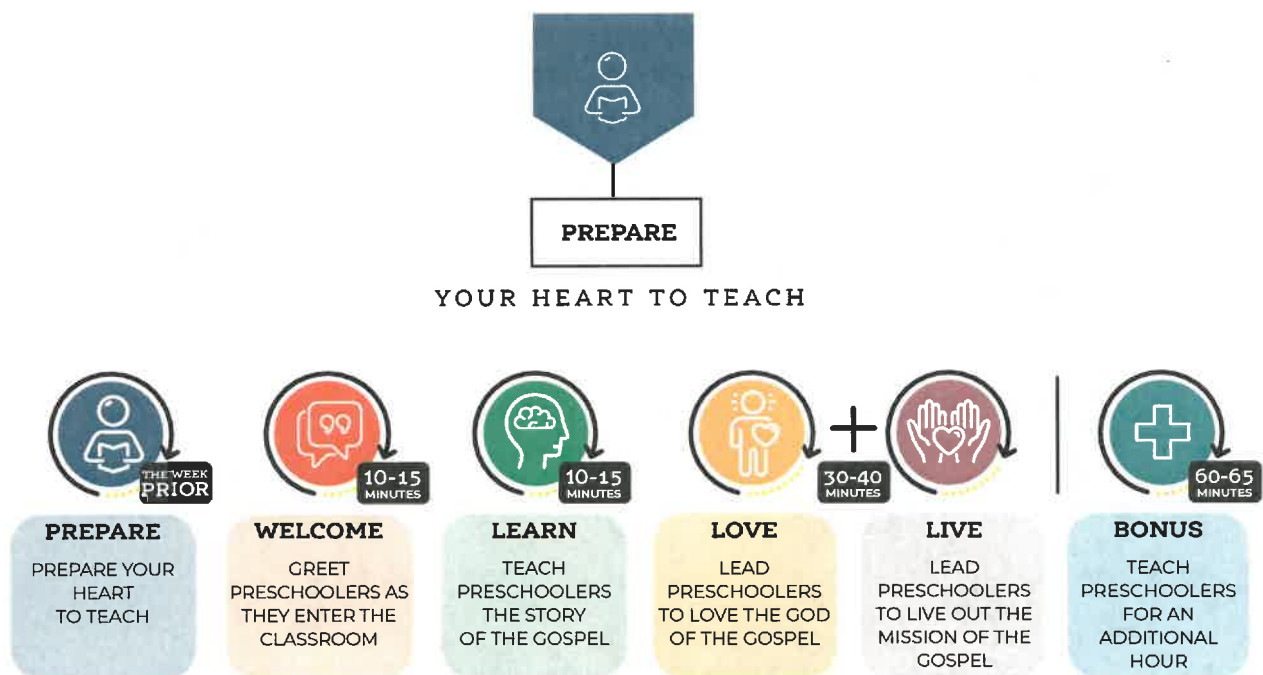
John saw a vision of Jesus. Jesus died on the cross so that we can have forgiveness and life forever with God. Jesus is good enough. He deserves all of our worship.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What is the hope of the church? The church looks forward to Jesus' return.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:

Revelation 21:4



LEADER Bible Study

John's vision of heaven in Revelation 4–5 offers us a glimpse of Jesus' worthiness and heaven's splendor, as those found in Him will abide with Him forever. From these passages, we know that God will forever reign with all glory, splendor, righteousness, and holiness attributed to His name.

How does Jesus meet John—and us—in our need? What do we learn about the nature of heaven and our role there as the redeemed?

Revelation 5 introduces the crucial conflict of today's passage: No one has been found worthy to break the seal of this great scroll. This somber realization led the apostle to weep, until his gaze was lifted up to Jesus. He alone has conquered the power of sin and death, making Him the only One worthy to open the scroll. However, the magnificent, conquering Son of God did not appear in the way we would expect; rather, His appearance was like a slaughtered lamb—representing His sacrifice on our behalf.

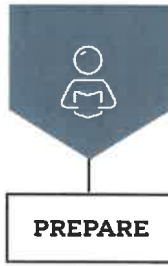
As He took the scroll, the creatures and elders fell down before Him in praise. The angels likewise declared that the slaughtered lamb's power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing would endure forever! The resurrected Jesus who defeated sin and death rose victoriously to bring us

back into relationship with the Father. By trusting in Him and giving Him praise for all He has done, we find our purpose in this life and for all days to come. We will forever worship the only One worthy of praise. This is what heaven is: the place of eternal unity with our Lord, where we will praise Him for eternity, no longer inhibited by sin. We will experience God's glory in its fullness there forevermore.

As you prepare to teach this session to kids, remember this main point: Christ is worthy of endless praise and has made a way for us to dwell with Him forever! Though this passage may seem difficult to comprehend, the simplicity of His worthiness is what we must return to.: Our God is good, and He loved us enough to send us His Son.

TERMS TO KNOW

Revelation: the last book of the Bible, written by the apostle John, the book of Revelation is an apocalyptic work pointing to future hope and calling for present faithfulness



YOUR HEART TO TEACH

GATHER Supplies

Keep a supply of the following items available during all teaching sessions: Allergy Alert, Bibles, washable markers, crayons, scissors (adult use), blunt-tipped scissors, construction paper, copy paper, glue sticks, tape, baby dolls, blocks, play dough, and a beanbag.



WELCOME

Feel and guess the item

- ☐ Big Picture Question Poster
- ☐ Bible story picture poster
- ☐ large paper bag
- ☐ ribbon



LEARN

Learn and practice the key passage phrase

- ☐ Key Passage Phrase Marker



LOVE

Find the jewels

- ☐ large plastic container
- ☐ dried beans
- ☐ plastic jewels
- ☐ spoons
- ☐ small cups

Play a memory game

- ☐ "Memory Game" printable, 1 copy



LIVE

Make a scroll

- ☐ craft sticks
- ☐ ribbon
- ☐ "Key Passage Phrase Labels" printable, 1 copy

Missions Activity

- ☐ suitcase
- ☐ packing items for various environments and climates

Snack and transition

- ☐ snacks
- ☐ Activity Page, 1 per child
- ☐ Big Picture Cards For Families, 1 per child



BONUS

Hide and seek scroll

- ☐ ribbon, 1 piece

Say the key passage phrase

- ☐ Key Passage Phrase Marker

Dot paint Jesus

- ☐ large paper
- ☐ dot paper
- ☐ smocks



Provide as many learning activities as possible from the Love and Live sections to give preschoolers choices to learn. Incorporate the Bible story, the Christ connection, and key passage phrase in your conversations as the preschoolers engage in learning activities throughout the session.

WELCOME

Use the following activity to greet children as they enter the classroom. Talk about the big picture question and answer. After each child completes the welcome activity, encourage him to participate in the activities provided from the Love and Live sections of the leader guide.

FEEL AND GUESS THE ITEM

Post the big picture question poster near the entrance to the classroom. Tape the Bible story picture poster on the large paper bag. Roll up a piece of construction paper like a scroll and tie a piece of ribbon around it. Place the scroll in the bag. Greet preschoolers as they enter the classroom. Point out the big picture question poster. Encourage boys and girls to feel what is inside the bag and guess what it is. Show the Bible story picture poster as you talk about what is inside.

SAY "I am so glad that you are at church today. Our big picture question and answer remind us that, The church looks forward to Jesus' return. There is something in this bag that reminds me of our story. Feel what is inside. Can you guess what it is? It is a scroll. John saw a vision with a scroll. An angel asked, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll?' Jesus is worthy! He deserves all of our worship."

Worship songs

* To The Lord

* My God is so great

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





LEARN

THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

LEARN the Bible Story

1 INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Invite preschoolers to pretend to wear a crown as they gather for group time. Encourage boys and girls to arrange their hands in a circle and place them on their heads, standing tall and walking slowly so their crowns do not fall off.

SAY “You pretended to wear a crown. John had a vision of Jesus and what will happen in the future. In his vision, John saw men wearing crowns and worshiping God.”

2 TELL THE BIBLE STORY *Play video*

Open your Bible to Revelation 4-5 and tell the following Bible story.

JESUS IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP

SAY “John was on an island when he had a vision of Jesus and what will happen in the future. John saw a throne in heaven. Someone was sitting on the throne. John saw other thrones around the main throne, and men wearing crowns were sitting on those thrones. John also saw four creatures around the throne.

All day and night, they are saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty, Who was, who is, and who is coming.” The men worshiped too. They say to God: “You deserve to have glory and honor and power, because You created all things.”

Then John saw a scroll in the right hand of the One seated on the throne. An angel shouted, “Who is worthy to open the scroll?” John saw Jesus take the scroll. Jesus is worthy! Then John heard every creature everywhere worshiping Jesus together.”

Christ Connection: John saw a vision of Jesus. Jesus died on the cross so that we can have forgiveness and life forever with God. Jesus is good. He deserves all of our worship.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

3 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask a series of “Who is” questions describing Jesus. Encourage preschoolers to answer, “Jesus” in unison. Questions can include:

Who is holy? (Jesus) Who was, and is, and is coming? (Jesus) Who deserves to have glory and honor and power? (Jesus) Who created all things? (Jesus) Who is good enough to open the scroll? (Jesus) Who deserves all our worship? (Jesus)

SAY 🗣️ Jesus is holy. He deserves to have all glory and honor and power. He is the only one worthy to open the scroll. John saw a vision of Jesus. Jesus died on the cross so that we can have forgiveness and life forever with God. Jesus is worthy. He deserves all of our worship. 🗣️

4 SING A SONG

Sing the song to the familiar tune of “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.”

“He will wipe away our tears.
He will wipe away our tears.
He will wipe away our tears.
He will wipe away our tears.”

Revelation 21:4. He will wipe away our tears.”

* “No more” song video

5 LEARN AND PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

* Place the key passage phrase marker at Revelation 21:4. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Encourage preschoolers to do the following motions when saying the key passage: He (point upward) will wipe away (wipe your cheeks) our tears (use your index finger to trace tears coming down your face).

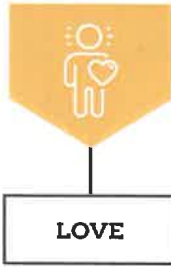
SAY 🗣️ John saw a vision of Jesus and what will happen in the future. Jesus is coming back to live with His people. There will be no more sadness or crying with Jesus. He will wipe away our tears. 🗣️

6 PRAY

Worship and honor God for being holy and deserving of glory and honor and power. Thank Him for loving us.

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**





THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God because of what we learned

1 FIND BIBLES



Hide several Bibles in the classroom. Invite preschoolers to help you find the Bibles. Give clues as needed. Once the Bibles are found, assist preschoolers in locating the book of Revelation. Boys and girls may want to place a bookmark in the Bible at the book of Revelation. Encourage preschoolers to hide the Bibles again for other friends to find.

SAY The Bible is a special book. It tells us how much God loves us and all the things He has done for us. The book of Revelation tells us what will happen in the future. John had a vision of what will happen in the future. He saw a throne with someone sitting on it. Men were worshiping, saying to God: 'You deserve to have glory and honor and power.' John heard every creature everywhere worshiping Jesus together. He deserves all of our worship.

2 FIND THE JEWELS



Fill a large plastic container about one-third of the way full with dried beans. Hide plastic jewels, or jewel shapes cut from colored construction paper, in the beans. Place spoons and small cups near the container. Encourage preschoolers to find the jewels in the container using their hands or the spoons. Collect the jewels in the cups. Invite preschoolers to return the jewels to the container and hide them again.

SAY The jewels you found remind me of jewels that you might find in a crown. John had a vision of Jesus and what will happen in the future. There were men wearing crowns and sitting on thrones in the vision. John saw four creatures around the throne too. They were saying: 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty, who was, who is, and who is coming.' The men were worshiping too. They said to God: 'You deserve to have glory and honor and power, because you created all things.' Jesus deserves all of our worship.

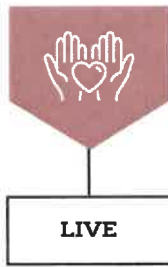
3 PLAY A MEMORY GAME

Print and cut out the "Memory Game" printable matching cards. Turn the cards facedown on the table. Invite preschoolers to take turns turning over two cards, looking for a match. If a match is not found, flip the cards back over and allow another preschooler to have a turn. Continue until all the matches have been found. Place cards facedown on the table for younger preschoolers. Talk about the pictures on the matching cards as you play.

SAY You found the matches to all the cards. The pictures on these cards remind me of our Bible story. John had a vision of Jesus and what will happen in the future. He saw a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. It was surrounded by other thrones. The men who were on these thrones were wearing crowns. John also saw a scroll in the hand of the One seated on the throne. An angel asked, 'Who is good enough to open the scroll?' Jesus is!

Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**





THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

LIVE for God out of love

1 **MAKE A SCROLL**

Before the session, print the “Key Passage Labels” printable on adhesive address labels. Cut pieces of construction paper in half lengthwise. Place the glue, craft sticks, markers, construction paper, ribbon, and labels on the table. Invite preschoolers to decorate and place a Bible verse label on their scroll. Assist boys and girls with gluing craft sticks on the ends. When the glue has dried, roll the scroll up and secure with the ribbon.

SAY “I like the scroll you made. In John’s vision, he saw a scroll. An angel asked, ‘Who is worthy to open the scroll?’ Jesus is worthy! The passage says: ‘He will wipe away our tears.’ Jesus is coming back to live with His people. There will be no more sadness or crying with Jesus. He will wipe away our tears. Jesus deserves all of our worship.”

2 **MISSIONS ACTIVITY**



Place travel items in various places around the room. Tell preschoolers they will pack a suitcase with items needed by missionaries in different locations. Travel the room and add the items to the suitcase as you go. Pray, thanking God for Betty Law responding to move to various places to tell people about Jesus. Pray for missionaries serving around the world.

SAY “Betty Law moved to many places as she served as a missionary. During her journeys in Cuba, Spain, and the United States, she would have needed many different items to be well prepared.”

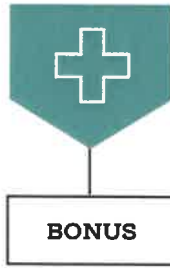
3 **SNACK AND TRANSITION**



Post an allergy alert. Serve the snack. As children eat, review and talk about the Bible story. When children finish their snack, lead them to complete the activity page. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the Christ connection.

SAY “John saw a vision of Jesus. Jesus died on the cross so that we can have forgiveness and life forever with God. Jesus is good. He deserves all of our worship.”

Remember to communicate helpful information to the bonus teaching hour leaders. If parents are picking up children at this time, tell them something their child did well during the session. Distribute the big picture cards for families. Encourage parents to engage with the family discussion starters and family activities during the week.



TEACHING HOUR

BONUS Teaching Hour Group Time

1 HIDE AND SEEK SCROLL

Roll a piece of construction paper to resemble a scroll. Tie with a piece of ribbon. Hide the scroll in the classroom. Invite boys and girls to help you find the scroll and bring it to group time. Tell preschoolers that in his vision, John saw a scroll. Jesus is the only one worthy to open the scroll.

2 TALK ABOUT THE BIBLE STORY

Open your Bible to Revelation 4-5 and tell the following Bible story.

JESUS IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP

- John was on an island when he had a vision of Jesus and what will happen one day.
- John saw a throne in heaven. Someone was sitting on it. John saw other thrones in a circle. Men wearing crowns were sitting on those thrones.
- He saw creatures saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty." The men were saying to God, "You deserve glory and honor and power because You created all things."
- Then John saw Jesus come and open a scroll. Only Jesus could open the scroll.
- Every creature everywhere worshiped Jesus together.

3 SING A SONG

Sing the song below to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

He will wipe away our tears.
He will wipe away our tears.
He will wipe away our tears.
He will wipe away our tears.
Revelation 21:4. He will wipe away our tears."

4 SAY THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the key passage phrase marker at Revelation 21:4. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Encourage boys and girls to repeat the key passage phrase with you several times, alternating between a loud and a soft voice.

5 PRAY

Thank God for sending Jesus. Praise Jesus for being good and deserving of our worship.



BONUS

TEACHING HOUR

BONUS Teaching Hour Activities

6 TOSS A BEANBAG

Invite two preschoolers to stand a few feet apart, facing each other. Demonstrate how to gently toss the beanbag back and forth to each other. When a preschooler catches the beanbag, encourage her to say, “Holy.” Once preschoolers have successfully caught the beanbag a few times, invite them to stand further apart and try again.

SAY “Every time you caught the beanbag, you said, ‘Holy.’ John had a vision of what will happen in the future. In his vision, creatures and people were worshiping God. They were saying, ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty, who was, who is, and who is coming.’ John saw a vision of Jesus. Jesus died on the cross so that we can have forgiveness and life forever with God. Jesus is good enough. He deserves all of our worship.”

7 BUILD A THRONE



Encourage preschoolers to work together to build a throne with interlocking blocks. Work together to build the legs, seat, and seat back of the throne. If you have several preschoolers and enough blocks, they may want to build the thrones that surrounded the first throne that John saw in his vision as well.

SAY “I like the thrones you built. John saw a throne in his vision of the future. He saw one throne in the middle with someone sitting on it. He also saw other thrones around the one throne with men wearing crowns sitting on the thrones. The men were worshiping. They were saying to God, ‘You deserve to have glory and honor, and power, because You created all things.’ Jesus deserves all of our worship.”

8 DOT PAINT JESUS

Cut a large piece of paper to fit the size of a table in the classroom. Write Jesus on the paper. Tape the paper to the table. You may want to tape an additional piece of paper underneath to assist with clean up. Assist preschoolers with placing a smock over their clothing. Demonstrate how to use the dot paint markers. Invite preschoolers to work together to paint over the word Jesus.

SAY “You worked together to paint the word Jesus. John had a vision of Jesus and what will happen in the future. John saw a scroll in the hand of the One seated on the throne. An angel asked, ‘Who is good enough to open the scroll?’ John saw Jesus take the scroll. Jesus was worthy! Every creature everywhere was worshiping Jesus together. Jesus died on the cross so that we can have forgiveness and life forever with God. Jesus is worthy. He deserves all of our worship.”

Release preschoolers to parents according to your church’s security procedure. Tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.