



UNIT 36 | SESSION 1

JESUS IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP

REVELATION 4–5

KEY PASSAGE:

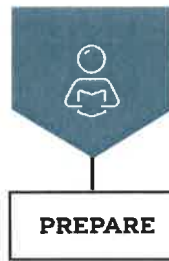
Revelation 21:4

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

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

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 died on the cross so that we could have forgiveness and eternal life. Jesus is worthy. He deserves all praise, honor, and blessing.



PRIOR TO TEACHING THE SESSION



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.

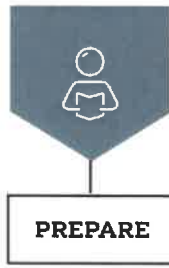
As He took the scroll, the creatures and elders fell down before Him in praise. The angels likewise declared that the slaughtered lamb's power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing would endure forever! The resurrected Jesus who defeated sin and death rose victoriously to bring us

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



PRIOR TO TEACHING THE SESSION

GATHER Supplies

Keep a regular supply of the following items available at all times: Bibles, pens or pencils, markers, crayons, colored pencils, scissors, glue or tape, paper.



Activity Page

- ☐ "Jesus Is Worthy" activity page

Session Starter (Option 1)

- ☐ brown paper, 1 per kid
- ☐ straws or dowels, 2 per kid

Session Starter (Option 2)

- ☐ craft sticks, 2 per kid
- ☐ yellow cupcake liners, 1 per kid
- ☐ white cupcake liners, 1 per kid
- ☐ googly eyes, 4 per kid
- ☐ cotton balls



Introduce the Session

- ☐ countdown video

Big Picture Question

- ☐ Big Picture Question Poster

Review the Timeline

- ☐ Giant Timeline

Tell the Bible Story

- ☐ "Jesus Is Worthy of Worship" video
- ☐ Bible Story Picture Poster

Questions from Kids

- ☐ "Unit 36, Session 1" questions from kids video

Missions Moment

- ☐ "Betty Law" missions video
- ☐ world map

Key Passage Activity

- ☐ Key Passage Poster
- ☐ "Be No More (Revelation 21:4)" song
- ☐ worship song of your choice (optional)



Review & Bible Skills

- ☐ Small Group Timeline and Map Set (optional)



Activity Choice (Option 1)

- ☐ painter's tape
- ☐ empty wrapping paper tube

Activity Choice (Option 2)

- ☐ dry erase board

Reflection and Prayer

- ☐ Bible Story Coloring Page (optional)



WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, build relationships, and help new kids connect to your group.

SAY 🗨️ What is something you were not able to do and someone had to do for you? Maybe you couldn't reach food on a top shelf or you couldn't fix your bike. How did it feel when someone helped you? 🗨️

1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete "Jesus Is Worthy" on the activity page.

SAY 🗨️ Today, we will see how Jesus deserves all praise because He did what we could not do—He conquered sin and death. 🗨️

2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

☐ OPTION 1: CREATE A SCROLL



Invite kids to sit around tables and distribute a piece of brown paper and two straws or dowels to each kid. Place markers in the center of each table for kids to share. On a dry erase board, write Jesus is worthy of worship. Challenge kids to write the statement on their scrolls. Kid may need help writing the statement, or you may consider providing several papers written out before the activity. Then encourage kids to crinkle their paper and flatten it out again. Lastly, direct kids to tape one straw on each side of their scroll and then roll it up. Assist kids as needed.

SAY 🗨️ The statement you wrote on your scroll is true! Today, we will learn that Jesus is worthy of worship! He died on the cross so that we can have forgiveness and life forever with Him! Jesus deserves all our praise. 🗨️

☐ OPTION 2: LION AND LAMB PUPPETS

Distribute two craft sticks, a white and a yellow cupcake liner, and four googly eyes to each kid. Place the scissors, glue, cotton balls, and markers in the center of the table. Direct kids to flatten out their cupcake liners and glue their googly eyes in the top center of each liner. Then demonstrate how to glue cotton balls around the white liner to create a lamb's face. Direct kids to use scissors to make little cuts around the yellow cupcake liner to create a lion's mane. Next, encourage kids to draw noses and mouths on their lions and lambs and color them as they choose. Lastly, direct kids to glue their lions and lambs on the craft stick.

SAY 🗨️ In today's story, Jesus is called the Lion of Judah and the Lamb of God. We'll learn how Jesus is like a lion because He has power over death. We'll also learn that Jesus is like a lamb because He died on the cross for our sins. Both names remind us that Jesus is worthy of all worship. 🗨️

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



* signifies that there is a video or slide



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INTRODUCE the Bible Story

1 INTRODUCE THE SESSION (3 minutes)

* Show the countdown video as you transition to introduce the Bible story. Set it to end as the session begins.

SAY “Hi, kids! I’m so glad you’re here! My name is [your name], and I am excited to share a true story from God’s Word with you. If you have your Bible with you, will you take it out and put it in your lap? [Distribute Bibles to kids who need one.]

Today, we get to hear a story from the very last book of the Bible. Does anyone know what that book is? [Allow responses.] It is the book of Revelation. We will learn how John, the writer of the book of Revelation, saw a vision which showed how Jesus alone is worthy of all worship, honor, and praise.”

Worship

* The Name of Jesus * offering
* Living Hope.

2 BIG PICTURE QUESTION (1 minute)

* **SAY** “Who is ready to hear our big picture question? Our big picture question is, What is the hope of the church? The answer is, The church looks forward to Jesus’ return when He will make all things new. Let’s say the answer together: The church looks forward to Jesus’ return when He will make all things new.

In the Old Testament, God made a promise to send the Messiah, Jesus, into the world. God kept this promise, and Jesus came and lived a perfect life. Then He died on the cross, rose again, and went back to heaven. But He made a promise that He would return again and make all things new. Today, we will see how John saw Jesus being worshiped for all He has done and will do.”

3 REVIEW THE TIMELINE (1 minute)

Show the giant timeline. Point to individual Bible stories as you review.

SAY “Over the past several weeks, we learned about the life of Paul and how he faithfully preached the gospel wherever God took him. Sometimes Paul was with churches sharing about Jesus and other times he was in prison. God used Paul to help spread the gospel far and wide. Many people believed in Jesus and many churches were started. Even while in prison, Paul wrote to churches to encourage them to share the gospel and make much of Jesus.

Other apostles of Jesus also went out into the world and shared about Jesus. One of those apostles was John. John was with Jesus while Jesus was on earth. Today, we will learn how John saw a vision of Jesus in heaven.”



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LEARN the Bible Story



1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Revelation 4–5. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Jesus Is Worthy of Worship.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

JESUS IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP

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. In the book of Revelation, John wrote about what he saw.

John saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it. The One seated looked like fiery red stones. A rainbow like an emerald surrounded the throne. He saw 24 other thrones around the throne, and 24 elders sat on the thrones. Each elder wore a gold crown.

John saw four living creatures around the throne. “The first creature was like a lion; the second creature was like an ox; the third creature had a face like a man; and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. Each creature had six wings. **All day and night they never stop saying:**

**“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. He saw the elders fall down and worship, throwing their crowns before the throne. They say 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. No one on earth was worthy. No one under the earth was worthy either. **John began to cry loudly because no one was worthy!** At last, **one of the elders said, “Look! The Lion of Judah is able to open the scroll. He is worthy!”**

Then John saw someone standing near the throne. He was like a slaughtered lamb. He took the scroll, and the elders and living creatures fell down before Jesus, the Lamb. They worshiped Him and sang a new song.

John heard thousands and thousands of angels around the throne. They said

STORYTELLING TIPS

Define it: Define the word *worthy* for kids to understand. Tell them *worthy* means deserving of all glory. Tell kids that Jesus is worthy because He is valuable beyond measure, and He alone has conquered sin and death.

Active listening: Challenge kids to listen for the word “worthy.” Each time they hear the word “worthy,” encourage them to sign “worthy” in sign language by putting their thumb and pointer finger on each hand together to form two circles and then move both arms in a circular motion to meet at the top.



LEARN

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in a loud voice:

**“Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered
to receive power and riches
and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and blessing!”**

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 died on the cross so that we could have forgiveness and eternal life. Jesus is worthy. He deserves all praise, honor, and blessing. ”

2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY “ God showed John visions of heaven. The creatures that John saw were all saying, ‘Holy, holy, holy Lord God, the Almighty, who was, who is, and who is coming.’ What does it mean that the Lord was, is, and is coming? [Allow responses.] This means that Jesus has always existed. Even before the world was created, He was reigning as King. He has no beginning. He is still King over all, and He is coming back one day to make everything right.

John also saw a scroll in the hand of the One seated on the throne. Who was worthy to open the scroll? [Allow responses.] The Bible tells us that John became very upset because there was no one in heaven or on earth who could open the scroll. No one was worthy except One: Jesus, the Lamb of God. Jesus is the only One who can open the scroll because He lived a sinless life and paid the price for our sin when He died on the cross. When Jesus came and took the scroll, all the creatures and elders fell down and worshiped Him.

Who is the only One worthy of honor, praise, and glory? [Allow responses.] Jesus died on the cross like a lamb for the sins of the world. He won the battle against sin and death and rose from the dead. Only He can save us from our sin. Jesus is the only One worthy of honor, praise, and glory. ”

3 CHRIST CONNECTION

SAY “ 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 died on the cross so that we could have forgiveness and eternal life. Jesus is worthy. He deserves all praise, honor, and blessing. ”

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the “Unit 36, Session 1” questions from kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. How can we give God glory?
2. Why does Jesus deserve all of your worship and praise?



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5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

SAY 🗺️ In 1953, Betty Law and her husband, Tom, became missionaries to Havana, Cuba. [Point to Cuba on a world map.] Betty and Tom lived in Cuba for seven years, telling people the good news about Jesus. Later, they became missionaries to Spain. [Point to Spain on a world map.] While in Spain, the Laws planted churches, led mission teams, and even taught at a Bible college. 🗺️

Play the missions video. Close in prayer, thanking God for the Laws responding to God's call to tell people about Jesus in Cuba and Spain. Pray for other missionaries serving around the world, that they may help people know Jesus and worship Him.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Revelation 21:4 together.

SAY 🗺️ One day Jesus will return. When He does, sadness, pain, sin, and death will be gone forever. Jesus will make all things new. 🗺️

Form kids into groups of four or five kids. Challenge kids to work together to make up motions to help them remember the words of the key passage. Allow kids to work together for several minutes. Then invite each group to share their motions with the entire group.

Lead kids to sing "Be No More (Revelation 21:4)." You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY 🗺️ Thank You, God, for sending Jesus as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Thank You that we can have forgiveness and life forever with You. We praise You, Jesus, because You alone are worthy of all praise. In Jesus' name, amen. 🗺️

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





LOVE

THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God by Applying the Story

1 REVIEW & BIBLE SKILLS (5 minutes)

Distribute Bibles and display the New Testament Mediterranean Map. Guide kids to open their Bibles to Revelation 5. Tell kids that Revelation is the last book in the Bible. Explain that John wrote the book of Revelation to seven churches in the area of Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). Tell kids that John's letter was meant to encourage them and give them hope while they faced persecution.

Consider pointing out the location of Asia Minor (C6, C7, D6, D7) on the New Testament Mediterranean Map. Choose a volunteer to read aloud Revelation 5:9 or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verse aloud.

SAY 🗣️ Jesus is the only One worthy to open the scroll. The Bible tells us that He is worthy because He died on the cross. Through His blood, He paid for our sins so that anyone who trusts in Him can be completely forgiven of their sins. Jesus defeated sin and death when He died and rose again. His sacrifice and sinless life make Him the only One worthy of all worship, honor, and glory forever. One day Jesus will return, and everyone will worship Him. 🙏

2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

| **SAY** 🗣️ Why is Jesus called the Lamb of God? 🙏

Remind kids that before Jesus came to earth to pay for our sins on the cross, God instructed His people to sacrifice animals to pay the price for their sin. Explain that Jesus became the perfect sacrifice when He gave His life on the cross. Tell kids that animal sacrifices are no longer needed because Jesus, the Lamb of God, takes away our sin when we trust in Him. Remind kids that anyone who trusts Jesus as Savior will have their sins forgiven.

| **SAY** 🗣️ Why should Jesus be most important to us and the only One we praise? 🙏

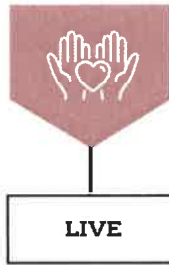
Tell kids that Jesus is more valuable than anything else—more than money, or toys, or friends. Explain that when we trust in Jesus we see Him as the most important treasure we could have. Help kids understand that Jesus is most important because of who He is and what He has done. Discuss how He is deserving of all praise because He gave His life for us.

| **SAY** 🗣️ How can you praise Jesus? 🙏

Answers will vary. Discuss how we can praise God in many ways such as praying to Him, giving thanks, and singing to Him. Share how one way we show that Jesus is most important is by obeying Him and following what He tells us through His Word. Remind kids that if we are His disciples, we should want to praise Him with everything we do.

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





THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

LIVE the Mission

1 ACTIVITY CHOICE (10 minutes)

☐ **OPTION 1: HOME RUN!**



Tell kids that the national sport of Cuba, where the Laws served, is baseball. Use painter's tape to create a home plate and three lines. Make the first line about 4 feet from home plate, the second line 10 feet from home plate and the third line 15 feet from home plate. Form kids into two teams. Invite one kid at a time to "bat" from home plate using an empty gift wrapping tube. Choose a pitcher to throw a crumpled ball of paper to the batter. The batter gets three chances to hit the ball. Award points as follows: one point if the ball gets past the first line and two points for the second line. If a kid hits the ball past the third line, it's a home run and he gets five points. The team with the most points wins.

SAY ☞ Hitting a home run leads to cheers and praise. But as fun as it is to honor someone in a game, the Laws wanted the people of Cuba to know that only Jesus is worthy of all praise and worship. He alone deserves our worship because of who He is and what He has done. ☞

☐ **OPTION 2: MOST VALUABLE**



Before the session, write the following words on a dry erase board: trash, car, gold jewelry, rotten apple, house, computer, rag, diamond, toothbrush, cell phone. Read the words for the kids. Then invite kids to help you circle the items that they consider valuable. Once the items are circled, invite kids to share some other items they consider valuable. Discuss why some items are valuable and others are not.

(Tip: Consider bringing in items of value such as a wedding ring, jewelry, phone, computer, etc. Then bring in non-valuable items for kids to compare.)

SAY ☞ Some items are valuable because of what they are worth or how much they cost. A car costs a lot more money than a toothbrush. But all the most expensive items in the world do not compare to how valuable Jesus is. He is the greatest treasure. If we lost everything in this world and still had Jesus, we would be eternally rich. Jesus is most valuable because He is the King who paid the cost of our sin on the cross, and He deserves all worship. ☞

2 REFLECTION AND PRAYER (5 minutes)

Distribute a sheet of paper and pencil to each kid. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Who can I tell about this story?

Be sure to send the sheets home with the kids along with the activity pages so parents can continue to discuss the Bible story with their kids.

If time remains, take prayer requests or allow kids to complete the Bible story coloring page. Pray for your group.