

1st-5th Grade Small Group Lesson



Session Title: Jesus on the Throne

Bible Passage: Revelation 4:2–5:14

Main Point: All people and all creatures in heaven and on earth will worship Jesus.

Key Passage: Revelation 21:5

Big Picture Question: What will happen when Jesus returns? Jesus will destroy all evil and 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 was killed on the cross so that we could have forgiveness and eternal life. Jesus is worthy. He deserves all praise, honor, and blessing.*

Already, Not Yet

Have the group stand in a circle. Explain to the group that you will read a series of statements, if they think the statement describes something that has already happened, they will jump in place. If the statement describes something that has not already happened, they will sit on the floor.

Statements:

- **Jesus died on the cross for our sin.** (*jump*)
- **Jesus rose from the dead.** (*jump*)
- **Jesus has returned to make all things new.** (*sit*)
- **Some people worship Jesus as their King.** (*jump*)
- **All people and all creatures in heaven and on earth will worship Jesus.** (*sit*)
- **We are free from sin.** (*Either; Jesus defeated sin and death by dying on the cross and rising again, but we still live in a world broken by sin.*)

In some ways, Christians are living in a strange place of “already, but not yet.” What that means is that Jesus has already defeated sin and death by dying on the cross and rising from the dead, but He has not yet returned to destroy all evil. We can be free from the punishment and power of sin in this life by trusting God and letting the Holy Spirit guide our lives, but someday we will even be free from the presence of all sin!

Connect the Scroll

INSTRUCTIONS: Draw lines to connect the dots in numerical order to reveal a picture.



KEY PASSAGE: Revelation 21:5

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What will happen when Jesus returns? Jesus will destroy all evil and make all things new.

BIBLE STORY:

JESUS ON THE THRONE

- John saw a beautiful vision of heaven.
- John wept when no one was worthy to open the scroll.
- Jesus, the Lion of Judah, is worthy to open the scroll.
- All people and all creatures in heaven and on earth will worship Jesus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why was Jesus worthy to open the scroll?
- Why do you think some people do not worship Jesus?
- What would you say to a person who doesn't worship Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Briefly review with your family the story of God's covenant with David (2 Samuel 7:12,16). Discuss the ways the story of Jesus on the throne shows God's faithfulness to keep His promises.

Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 36, Session 3

