

January 19
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
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 when He will make all things new.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: *Jesus will wipe away our tears. Revelation 21:4*

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

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 worshipping God. Let's listen to our Bible story to hear more.*

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.

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. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

***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.*

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

SAY John cried when he saw that no one was worthy to open the scroll. Then John saw Jesus, the Lamb of God. 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.

PRAY God, sometimes we are sad, but we know that one day everyone who trusts in You will have no reason to be sad again! Please help us wait with patience and joy for Jesus to return! Amen.

ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

MAKE ANIMAL SOUNDS

Invite preschoolers to join you in making the sounds of various animals, such as dogs, cats, cows, tigers, lambs, and more. For added fun, also play out the movements of these animals. To expand the activity, invite children to take turns playing out different animals by making movements and sounds and challenge the other preschoolers to guess the animal.

SAY In John's vision, he heard every creature everywhere worshiping Jesus! That must have been quite a sound! Jesus is so great, He deserves the worship of everyone and every animal and every creature!

PUT FLEECE ON THE LAMB

Provide each preschooler a copy of the "**Lamb Outline**" printable. Assist preschoolers in using a **glue stick** to make the lamb fleece area sticky. Provide **cotton balls** for preschoolers to put onto the sticky area.

SAY I love how your lambs look! Before Jesus, the people of God would sacrifice lambs like this one to pay for their sins. But because Jesus died on the cross for our sins, we no longer need to sacrifice lambs! That's why Jesus is called the Lamb of God.

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

As children color, talk about 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.

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Storytelling Props are not included in the blue bin, but you may choose to bring them from home.

Open your Bible to Revelation. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

JESUS IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP

STORYTELLING TIPS

Use a prop: Bring a scroll and hold it up when the story says "who is worthy to open the scroll?"

Use repetition: Invite preschoolers to repeat the phrases "holy, holy holy," "worthy," and "don't cry" after you say them.

John was on a small island when he had a vision of Jesus. Jesus showed John what will happen in the future. John wrote about what he saw in the Book of Revelation.

John saw a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. He saw other thrones around it, and older men wearing crowns were sitting on them. **He saw beautiful colors and four different creatures around the throne. The creatures were different, but they each had six wings.**

*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 an eagle. **All day and night they say:***

"Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God, the Almighty,

who was, who is, and who is to come.”

John said that when the creatures worshiped the One on the throne, the men fell down and worshiped too. They say to God:

*“You deserve to have
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 shouted, “Who is worthy to open the scroll?”

No one in heaven was worthy. No one on earth was worthy. John began to cry loudly because no one was worthy. Finally, one of the men said, “Don’t cry. Look! The Lion of Judah can open the scroll. He is worthy!” The man was talking about Jesus.

Then John saw Jesus near the throne. Jesus took the scroll, and everyone fell down in front of Him. The elders threw their crowns at His feet. They worshiped Him and sang a new song.

Thousands of angels around the throne worshiped Jesus. John heard every creature everywhere—in heaven, on earth, under the earth, and on the sea—worshiping Jesus, the Lamb of God, together.

Christ Connection: John cried when he saw that no one was worthy to open the scroll. Then John saw Jesus, the Lamb of God. 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.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child’s sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today’s activity page to reinforce today’s Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

January 19
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Two Year Olds
JESUS IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP
(REVELATION 4-5)

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus is good. He deserves all of our worship.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why should we praise Jesus? We should praise Jesus for all He has done for us.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: *Jesus will wipe away our tears. Revelation 21:4*

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Invite the children to join you in group time.

Provide a **bean bag**. Sit toddlers in a circle and ask them what they think worship is. Prompt answers such as prayer, singing, reading God's Word, obeying God's commands, telling others about Jesus, and so forth. Toss the bean bag to a toddler and challenge him to think of one way to worship God. Allow him to toss the ball to a friend to keep the ball moving.

SAY *There are many ways we can worship Jesus. Jesus is good and deserves our worship, so we should always worship Jesus. What is one way that you will worship God this week?*

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

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3. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

Place the key passage phrase marker at Revelation 21:4

Sing to the tune of "Mulberry Bush":

"Jesus, He will wipe away, wipe away, wipe away.

Jesus, He will wipe away our tears when He returns."

SAY *When Jesus returns, He will wipe away our tears. We will worship Him, because He is good and deserves our worship.*

ACTIVITIES

FIND THE CROWNS

Draw simple crown shapes on colored **index cards** and **tape** them around the room at the preschooler's eye level. Allow children to explore the room and find all the crowns. Continue the game as time allows or as long as children remain interested.

SAY *Who is our King? Yes! Jesus is our King! John saw what will happen when Jesus comes back. Jesus is good and deserves our worship.*

PLAY RED LIGHT, GREEN LIGHT

Instruct the toddlers to stand on one side of the room, while you stand on the other. Call out "green light" to have the kids walk toward you, and "red light" to have the kids freeze where they are. The first person to make it to you wins. Replay as time permits. Review the Bible story after the children play.

SAY *In order to win in our game, you had to come to me on my side of the room. Just like you came back to me, Jesus will come back to us! We know He will come back because John saw what will happen. When Jesus returns, we will all worship Him!*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the GOSPEL GEMS below:

- John saw what will happen when Jesus comes back.
- Everyone will worship Jesus together.
- Jesus is good and deserves our worship.

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

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

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.

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.