

LESSON 78

# At the Throne Worshiping

REVELATION 7:9-17



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BIBLE TRUTH

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

LESSON SNAPSHOT

1. OPENING ACTIVITY AND INTRODUCTION . . . . . 5 MIN

**SUPPLIES:** *The Gospel Story Bible*

2. BIBLE STORY . . . . . 10 MIN

**SUPPLIES:** *The Gospel Story Bible* (story 156)

3. BIBLE STORY DISCUSSION . . . . . 5 MIN

Where Is the Gospel?

**SUPPLIES:** Bible (ESV preferred); Review “Where Is the Gospel?” to prepare

4. SNACK QUESTIONS . . . . . 10 MIN

**SUPPLIES:** snack food and beverage

5. SWORD BIBLE MEMORY . . . . . 5–10 MIN

6. ACTIVITIES AND OBJECT LESSONS (CHOOSE ONE OR MORE) 20–30 MIN

Coloring Activity

**SUPPLIES:** coloring page for NT Lesson 78—one for each child; markers or crayons

From All Nations

**SUPPLIES:**

pictures of different national flags—a different one for each child

unsharpened pencils—one for each child

stapler or tape

scissors

fern fronds (or palms cut from green construction paper)—one for each child

worship song recording or guitarist

A Guest Speaker

**SUPPLIES:** a Christian from another country

7. CLOSING PRAYER . . . . . 5 MIN

**TOTAL 60–75 MIN**

**THE LESSON**

**OPENING ACTIVITY AND INTRODUCTION . . . . . 5 MIN**

In today’s lesson the children will see how God’s salvation is meant for people from every tribe and language.

Show the children the illustration from *The Gospel Story Bible*, story 9, “God Makes a Covenant with Abram.” Ask the following questions about the picture:

- **What is Abraham pointing to?**  
*(stars)*
  
- **Does anybody remember what God said the stars stand for?**  
*(Abraham’s children)*

God promised Abraham that through his children all the nations of the world would be blessed. When God says something, he means it. And when God makes a promise, he keeps it. Sometimes it takes longer than we want, and sometimes his answers are different than we think they ought to be, but God always keeps his promises.

Long ago, God made a promise to Abraham that he finally fulfills, and we are going to learn about it in our Bible story today.

Take time to pray and thank God for keeping all of his promises. Pray for the remainder of the class time before moving forward with the lesson.

**BIBLE STORY . . . . . 10 MIN**

Read story 156, “At the Throne Worshiping,” from *The Gospel Story Bible*.

**BIBLE STORY DISCUSSION . . . . . 5 MIN**

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion:

- **Who is the lamb on the throne in this story?**  
*(Jesus is the lamb on the throne in this story.)*
  
- **Is Jesus really a lamb?**  
*(No, Jesus isn't really a lamb.)*
  
- **Why do we call Jesus the Lamb of God if he really isn't a lamb?**  
*(In Old Testament times God's people would sacrifice a lamb to pay the penalty for their sins. Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. That is why we say that he is our lamb. He died for us so that we could be forgiven.)*

**SNACK QUESTIONS . . . . . 10 MIN**

While the children are eating the snack, engage them by asking the following questions:

- **Did you ever get really hungry? What did it feel like?**  
*(Accept any answer.)*

**Where Is the Gospel? \_\_\_\_\_**

How does today's Bible story fit into God's greater plan of redemption?

In Revelation 7 the Lamb is Christ, who sits on the throne and has made the robes white by his blood (Revelation 7:14). The blood of the Lamb is the blood of Jesus shed upon the cross for the forgiveness of the sins of all his people. The multitude worships the Lamb in heaven, and he continues to be their shepherd, guiding them to springs of living water. In John 4:10 Jesus said to the woman at the well, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

- Why do you think this passage tells us that in heaven we will never be hungry or thirsty again?  
*(In heaven, we will be satisfied by Jesus. With him hunger and thirst go away. He is everything we need.)*
- What does it mean to have living water?  
*(When we drink water we get thirsty again, but when we drink living water we do not get thirsty. The living water is the filling of the Spirit of God inside us that one day will take away our physical needs and be like a spring that completely satisfies us. In heaven we might drink, but we will not be thirsty like we are here on earth.)*

**SWORD BIBLE MEMORY . . . . . 5-10 MIN**

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult.

**ACTIVITIES AND OBJECT LESSONS. . . . . 20-30 MIN**

**Coloring Activity**

**SUPPLIES:**

- ✓ coloring page for NT Lesson 78—one for each child
- ✓ markers or crayons

While the children are coloring, engage them by asking the following questions:

- What do you notice about the way the people look who are around the throne of Jesus?  
*(These are the people from all over the world whom God saved and brought to heaven together to worship him.)*
- Did Jesus die for all people, even those who are different from us?  
*(Even though the peoples of the world look different—some are tan while others are brown, some have black hair while others have blonde, and some speak English while others speak other languages—they are all made in the image of God. All people were created by God—and he created them to look differently—but he loves them all and Jesus died for them all.)*

■ How can our church on earth be like the church in heaven?

*(We should welcome people of all countries, races, languages, and colors to join with us in worship on Sunday morning.)*

**From All Nations**

**SUPPLIES:**

- ✓ pictures of different national flags—a different one for each child
- ✓ unsharpened pencils—one for each child
- ✓ stapler or tape
- ✓ scissors
- ✓ fern fronds (or palms cut from green construction paper)—one for each child
- ✓ worship song recording or guitarist

Before class, cut flag pictures out and staple or tape them to unsharpened pencils. Purchase fern fronds from a local florist or cut palms out from green construction paper to serve as palm branches that the children can wave. Have enough flags and ferns so each child will have one of each to wave.

Pick out a worship song that speaks of peoples of every nation praising God together and bring in a recording or a guitarist to lead the children in the song. Teach them that Jesus did not come just to save Americans. Tell them that he came to save people from every tribe and race, country, and skin color. Read Revelation 7:9–10 and have the children memorize the phrase, “Salvation belongs to our God.” They can wave their flags and palm branches while they sing.

**A Guest Speaker**

**SUPPLIES:** a Christian from another country

Invite an international Christian to come to class and talk about the church that God is building in their home country. This Christian could be a student on an educational visa or someone who is now a permanent resident of the US but who was born and raised in another country. It would be helpful if he also spoke another language and could teach the children how to say, “Salvation belongs to our God” in his native tongue.

Ask the children if any of them know which country their own ancestors came from. Ask the children if they know the names of other countries. Then pray for all the different peoples in the world, that someone might share the gospel with them.

**CLOSING PRAYER . . . . . 5 MIN**

Take time at the end of class to thank God for what you learned today. Include parts of your Bible lesson in your prayer as a way for the children to remember today's lesson.

LESSON 78 - AT THE THRONE WORSHIPPING

