



NEW TESTAMENT • LESSON 77

WORTHY IS THE LAMB

Jesus, the Lamb of God, is worthy.



MONDAY

THE STORY: REVELATION 5:1-5

The Lion of the tribe of Judah is worthy. On his deathbed, Jacob, who was called Israel, gathered his twelve sons to tell them what would happen to them in the future. To Judah he said, “You are a lion’s cub, O Judah; you return from the prey, my son. Like a lion he crouches and lies down, like a lioness — who dares to rouse him? The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.” (see Genesis 49:9,10)

Jesus is the lion of the tribe of Judah. Jesus is also the Root of David who has triumphed. The lion has triumphed and is worthy to open the scroll! The scroll is symbolic for the final plan of God. The final plan of God to dwell with His people in heaven forever is about to be opened!

TALK ABOUT IT:

Who was the Root of David and why is that name given to Him? (Jesus is the Root of David because He came from the stump of David, or in the line of David.)

Why is the Lion of the tribe of Judah worthy? (The lion has triumphed. Jesus died on the cross for our sin and rose again victoriously. This scene is like a victory parade!)

PRAY:

Thank the Lord for dying on the cross for us and rising again in victory so that we, too, one day will rise.



T U E S D A Y

THE STORY: REVELATION 5:6-8

The Lion is the Lamb. When the imagery of Revelation changes, it does not mean a new character or event is being introduced. Here the switch to talking about the lamb provides a further description of the Lion. Imagine that one of the elders said, “Look, the lion has triumphed!” but when John looked, he saw a Lamb who was slain. In reality, all these pictures are talking about the same person, Jesus Christ.

The Book of Revelation was written with the symbolic number seven, which is the number of completion. The Lamb did not have seven literal horns and eyes. Horns were used to designate power, so this passage is telling us that the Lamb seen here had supreme or complete authority and power. When the Lamb removed the scroll, without resistance from God, all heaven worshipped. The Lamb was worthy!

TALK ABOUT IT:

What does it mean when it says the Lamb looked as if it had been slain?
(Although Jesus rose from the dead, the scars of His wounds remain visible as a testimony of His sacrifice.)

Should this passage cause us to worship? (Yes, when we consider that God’s Son died for us so that we could live with Him, we should respond with worship.)

PRAY:

Praise and thank the Lord for His sacrifice on our behalf.



**WEDNESDAY
WHERE IS THE GOSPEL?**

THE STORY: REVELATION 5:9-11

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. The Lamb who was slain is Jesus. The hundreds of thousands of lambs sacrificed in Old Testament times could not take away sin. But Jesus, the Lamb of God, was a worthy sacrifice for sin. His worth is sufficient to atone for our sins, and His worth commands our worship and praise. We join all of heaven when we sing, “Worthy is the Lamb.”

There is only one Lamb who sits on the throne — Christ, who conquered death. Here in the book of Revelation we see the culmination of the gospel. The books are opened, and the heavens praise the Redeemer, who has brought salvation by his death. By His blood He ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. The gospel promise given to Abraham is finally fulfilled by the Lamb.

TALK ABOUT IT:

Where do you see God’s promise to Abraham fulfilled? (People are in heaven from every tribe and language and nation.)

How can knowing what will happen at the end of the age motivate our praise today? (When we worship, we can pray with the enthusiasm described in this passage. We can sing, “Worthy is the Lamb” now!)

PRAY:

Take time to pray using the song of the angels in Revelation 5.



THURSDAY

THE STORY: REVELATION 5:12-14

All of creation will worship the Lamb. Here we see that everyone joins in the worship of the Lamb in heaven. No one is sleepy or distracted. Everyone has one purpose: to worship the Lamb. Each Sunday when we gather, we come with the same purpose —worship. We worship the Lamb, we worship the Father who sent the lamb, and we worship with the help of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us.

TALK ABOUT IT:

Who is singing to Jesus? (Angels by the millions sing to him. Ten thousand times ten thousand is one hundred million! Every creature on earth and in heaven eventually joins the singing.)

How is this picture a fulfillment of God's promise to exalt the name of Jesus above every name and that every knee will bow before Him? (See Philippians 2:9,10.)

Why do we have greater reason to worship the Lamb than do the angels? (Unlike the angels, who saw God's salvation to men and rejoiced, we are the actual recipients of the gift of salvation. Because we are the ones who are given the gift, we have greater reason to be thankful.)

PRAY:

Thank and praise the Lord for our salvation in Christ.



FRIDAY
ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

THE STORY: PSALM 89:26-29

Jesus called God His Father, and it is Jesus whose throne will last forever. The covenant that Jesus introduced — the covenant in His blood — will never fail. John called Jesus “the firstborn” in Revelation when he wrote:

“Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth; To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father — to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen” (Revelation 1:5,6).

TALK ABOUT IT:

How are Revelation 1:5,6 and Psalm 89:26-29 similar in talking about Jesus? (Have your children look up both passages and compare them.)

Could the passage in Psalm 89 be referring to anyone other than Jesus? (No, no other king’s throne would last forever. Even when God promises to David that his throne will last forever, it endures forever through Jesus, the son of David.)

PRAY:

Thank God for sending Jesus to die on the cross and rise again victoriously so that one day we, too, might go to be with our Father in heaven.