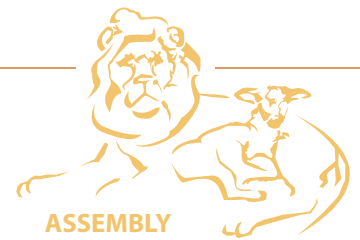


AT THE THRONE WORSHIPPING

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: REVELATION 7:9-17



The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.

LESSON IDEAS

FROM ALL NATIONS

Supplies

- various different national flags
- fern fronds

Before the class, photocopy various national flags from an atlas. Cut them out and staple them to unsharpened pencils. Purchase fern fronds from a local florist, they can serve as palm branches that some of the children can wave. Have enough flags and ferns so each child will have one item to wave.

Pick out a worship song that speaks of peoples of every nation praising God together and bring in a recording or a guitar 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

photos of the country you are highlighting

Invite an international Christian to come into your class and talk about their home country and the church that God is building in their home nation. 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 a foreign nation. 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.

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PRAYING FOR PEOPLE OF THE WORLD

Supplies

borrow a photo atlas from a library which shows photos of people from around the world

Take some time to describe different countries and then pray that the people would come to know Jesus. Choose countries with a church to which your local church is connected. Find out what the churches in those countries are currently doing and make your prayers specific after giving an update to the children.

WHERE IS the Gospel?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

This passage of scripture is full of the Gospel. The Lamb is Christ who sits on the throne and who has made the robes white by His blood. The blood of the Lamb is the blood of Jesus shed upon the cross for the forgiveness of the sins of all the people of the earth. The multitude of Christians worship 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 asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.")

