

AT THE THRONE WORSHIPPING

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: REVELATION 7:9-17



The STORY

Read about the people in heaven in Revelation 7:9-17.

Please note: *The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

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 they would sacrifice a lamb to pay the penalty for their sins. Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins.)

CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: people of all races before the throne. Engage the children by asking:

- Why are all these people together? (These are the people from all over the world that God saved and brought to heaven to worship Him together.)
- Why does God love all the different peoples of the world? (Even though the peoples of the world look different – some are tan, others are brown, some have black hair and others have blonde hair and they speak different languages – they are all made in the image of God. All men were created by God and it was He that created them to look different but he loves them all.)
- How should 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.)

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SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- Did you ever get really hungry? What did it feel like? (Accept any answer.)
- Why do you think this passage tells us that we will never get hungry or thirsty again in heaven? (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 normal 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 which one day will take away our physical needs and be like a spring which completely satisfies our needs. In heaven we might drink but we will not be thirsty like we are here on earth.)

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.")

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

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 worker.

