

CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids: What are things or people the world praises? Why do people praise them?



CAN YOU GUESS IT?

Start by 9:20/10:45

Display the picture of a crown, a lion's face, and a lamb. Form kids into pairs and provide them with a piece of paper and a washable marker. Lead one kid from each pair to tape a piece of paper to her partner's back. Tell kids that one kid will choose one of the three pictures to draw on their partner's back. Tell the partners with the paper on their backs to try to determine which of the three pictures is being drawn. After the drawing is complete, allow kids to remove the paper from their backs and see if they guessed correctly. Allow each student to have a turn drawing and guessing.

You weren't sure what picture was being drawn until you were able to remove the paper from your back. Similarly, the only way we can know what the future will be like is if God, who knows the future, reveals it to us. Today, we will see how God showed John what the future will be like.

START BY



BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

9:30/10:55

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE REVIEW

Distribute Bibles and guide kids to open their Bibles to Revelation 5.

- Revelation is the last book in Bible. John wrote the book of Revelation to seven churches in the area of Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). This letter was meant to encourage them and give them hope while they faced persecution.
- Choose a volunteer to read aloud Revelation 5:13.

Jesus will be worshiped forever by everyone—those in heaven, on earth, and everywhere else. He is worthy of all praise because of who He is and what He has done. Jesus is the only one who can fix what sin has broken. The church is waiting for the day Jesus comes back to make everything new. While we wait, we can live in a way that honors Him and share the good news with others.



DISCUSSION

- Why is Jesus described as both a Lion and a Lamb in John's vision? Jesus is called the Lion of Judah because He is strong and powerful—the King who wins the battle over sin and death. He is also called the Lamb of God because He gave His life for us on the cross. Jesus is both the mighty King who wins and the gentle Lamb who gave Himself to save us. (Option: read Revelation 5:5,8-10.)
- Why did John weep in his vision? John cried because no one was able to open the scroll. The scroll shows God's plans for the world and the future. Only Jesus could open it because He defeated sin, death, and the world when He died on the cross. Jesus is the only one who is worthy of all honor, power, and wisdom. (Option: read Revelation 5:5.)
- How might you share how Jesus is worthy of all our worship with a friend who is not a Christian? We can tell others that everyone has sinned and needs to be forgiven. Only Jesus can give us that forgiveness because He gave His life for us. Jesus is worthy of our trust and praise because of who He is and what He did to save us and give us eternal life. (Option: read 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10.)



KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY

Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Revelation 21:4 together.

Jesus came and conquered sin and death. He will come again so that all who trust in Him will live with Him forever.

Write the key passage on a dry erase board. Then erase one word at a time while inviting kids to say the missing words aloud. Repeat as time allows.



Key Passage: He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. Revelation 21:4



Big Picture Question: What is the hope of the church? The church looks forward to Jesus' return when He will make all things new.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers. Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.