

Jesus on the Throne

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John was on the island of Patmos when he had a vision. Jesus appeared to John and showed him what will happen before the end of time. John wrote about what he saw in the Book of Revelation. John saw a vision of the future. John saw a throne in heaven and the Lord was on the throne.

John saw a scroll in the Lord's right hand. A mighty angel asked, "Who is worthy to open the scroll?" But no one in heaven was worthy. No one on earth was worthy. No one

under the earth was worthy either.

John began to cry loudly because no one was worthy! Then John saw Jesus, the resurrected Lamb. The elders threw their crowns at His feet. They worshiped Him and sang a new song. John heard every creature, everywhere, worshiping the Lamb together.

Revelation 4:11 says, “Our Lord and God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because you have created all things, and by your will they exist and were created.”

John’s vision gives us a glimpse of our future and also reminds us of a present reality: The Lord is on His throne. After His death and resurrection, Jesus ascended to heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. (Heb. 10:12)

Jesus, the Lamb of God, is worthy of our praise. All the creatures in John’s vision worshiped Jesus. As you teach preschoolers, hold up Jesus as our treasure who is worthy of all honor. Worship Him together in song.

Jesus was killed on the cross so that we could have forgiveness and eternal life. Jesus deserves all praise, honor, and blessing. We look forward to the day we will join with all the saints in worshiping Jesus forever.



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The BIBLE STORY

Bible Storytelling Tips

- **Sing it:** Invite children to help sing to the Lord during the story. Lead them in repeating the song when the creatures praise the Lord. Lead them in repeating the songs when the elders bow down to the Lord. Lead them in singing songs of worship at the end like the angels and elders.
- **Use props:** Invite children to sit in a circle around a large chair as a throne. Place a scroll on the throne. The storyteller can tell the story from the middle using the props throughout the story.

Jesus on the Throne

Revelation 4:2–5:14

John was on a small island when he **had a vision of Jesus. Jesus showed John what will happen in the future. John wrote about what he saw** in the Book of Revelation.

John saw a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. He saw other thrones around it, and elders wearing crowns were sitting on them. He saw beautiful colors and four different creatures around the throne. The creatures were different, but they each had six wings.

The first creature was like a lion; the second creature was like a calf; the third creature had a face like a man; and the fourth creature was like an eagle. **All day and night they said:**

**“Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God, the Almighty,
Who was, who is, and who is coming.”**

John said that **when the creatures worshiped the One on the throne, the elders fell down and worshiped too. They said to God:**

**“You deserve to have
glory and honor and power,
Because You have created all things.”**

Then John saw a scroll in the Lord’s right hand. A mighty angel shouted, “Who is good enough to open the scroll?”

No one in heaven was good enough. No one on earth

was good enough. John began to cry loudly because no one was good enough. Finally, one of the elders said, “Look! The Lion of Judah can open the scroll. He is good enough!”

Then John saw Jesus near the throne. Jesus took the scroll, and everyone fell down in front of Him. The elders threw their crowns at His feet. They worshiped Him and sang a new song.

Thousands of angels around the throne worshiped Jesus. John heard every creature everywhere worshiping Jesus together.

Christ Connection: John cried when he saw that no one was good enough to open the scroll. Then John saw Jesus, the Lamb of God. Jesus died on the cross so that we can have forgiveness and life forever with God. Jesus is good enough. He deserves all of our worship.

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Welcome and worship with song

- “One Heart” song
- “I Stand Amazed” song

Greet preschoolers with a smile. As preschoolers arrive, sing an action song such as “One Heart” to engage them and help them feel welcomed. Begin worship by leading preschoolers in “I Stand Amazed.”

Watch or tell the Bible story

- box or bag
- packing tape
- Bible
- “Jesus on the Throne” video (optional)
- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Main Point Poster
- Giant Timeline or Big Story Circle

Show the preschoolers a box or bag that is securely taped shut and cannot be opened. Invite one or two children to try to open the box or bag.

SAY • No one could open our [*item*] today. In today’s Bible story, the Lord had a scroll that no one could open because no one was good enough to open it. Can you guess who was good enough to open the scroll?

Open your Bible to Revelation 4. Show the video or tell the Bible story using the provided storytelling tips. Use the bolded version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

Practice the key passage and a Bible skill

- Bible
- Key Passage Poster
- Bible marker or ribbon
- “Making Everything New” song

Place a Bible marker or ribbon at Revelation 21:5. Invite a few volunteers to come up one at a time and open your Bible to the key passage.

SAY • John saw a vision of heaven with someone sitting on

a throne. Jesus was sitting on the throne, and one day
He will come back and make everything new.
Sing the key passage song “Making Everything New”
together.

Learn the big picture question and answer

SAY • Do you remember our big picture question? *What will happen when Jesus comes back? Jesus will make all things new.* That’s right, Jesus will sit on the throne, and everything and everyone will worship Him forever and ever.

• Big Picture Question Poster

Respond through song and prayer

SAY • John cried when he saw that no one was good enough to open the scroll. Then John saw Jesus, the Lamb of God. Jesus died on the cross so that we can have forgiveness and life forever with God. Jesus is good enough. He deserves all of our worship. **Everyone and everything will worship Jesus.**

Sing “I Stand Amazed” and “Holy God (Holy, Holy, Holy)” as preschoolers move with the music. Prepare for prayer by singing “Jesus, Thank You.” You may also collect an offering.

SAY • God, we can’t wait for Jesus to come back and make all things new. Help us to believe that Jesus died on the cross so that we can have forgiveness and life forever with You. Let us worship Jesus forever because He deserves all of our worship. In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

• Main Point Poster
• “I Stand Amazed” song
• “Holy God (Holy, Holy, Holy)” song
• “Jesus, Thank You” song
• offering basket

Transition to experience the story

• countdown video (optional)

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LOW PREP

• walking rope
(optional)

Tip: Follow your church's security procedures.

Go on a nature walk

Invite children to take a nature walk and point out things that will worship Jesus (everything!).

SAY • When Jesus comes back to make all things new, **everyone and everything will worship Jesus!** Only Jesus deserves all of our worship forever.

Move like animals

Invite children to move and make noises like different animals you call out. Be sure to call out lion, calf, eagle, and human while children play.

SAY • In heaven all creatures, elders, and angels worship Jesus, who is sitting on His throne. When Jesus comes back to earth, **everyone and everything will worship Jesus.**

Search for a scroll

Roll a sheet of paper to be a scroll and secure it with a sticker or string. Hide the scroll and invite the children to find it. When the scroll is found, ask, “Who is able to open the scroll?” Invite the children to respond, “Only Jesus is good enough!” Hide the scroll again and continue playing.

SAY • Only Jesus is good enough to open the scroll in our

Bible story. He died on the cross so that we can have life with God forever. He deserves all of our worship. When Jesus comes back, **everyone and everything will worship Jesus.**

Make a lion

Before the session, cut orange yarn into 3-inch pieces. Give each preschooler a paper plate. Invite him to use a yellow marker to color his paper plate focusing on the center. Help a preschooler draw a lion's mouth and nose in the center of the plate. Guide him to glue googly eyes above the nose. Then he may glue orange yarn around the perimeter of the plate to serve as the lion's mane.

- paper plate
- yellow markers
- black marker
- orange yarn
- scissors (adult use)
- large googly eyes
- glue

SAY • One of the elders said, "Look! The Lion of Judah can open the scroll. He is good enough!" One of Jesus' names is the Lion of Judah, not because He looks like a lion but because He is mighty like a lion. One day, **everyone and everything will worship Jesus.**

Run a throne relay

Form two groups and line up. Give each child a crown or jewel to run to the throne (a chair) across the room. When you say go, the first child in each line will run the crown to the throne, place it on the throne, and run to the back of her team's line. Continue until all children have put their crowns on the throne. The first team to finish wins.

- chairs, 2
- paper crowns

SAY • Jesus is seated on the throne of heaven. When Jesus comes back, ***Jesus will make all things new*** and we will worship Him forever.

Transition to review the story

- countdown video (optional)

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Review

Point to the giant timeline or big story circle as you review today's Bible story. Ask the following review questions:

1. How many creatures did John see around the throne? (*four*)
2. How long did the creatures speak? (*all day and all night*)
3. What did the Lord hold in His right hand? (*a scroll*)
4. Why did John cry? (*No one was good enough to open the scroll.*)
5. Who was the only Person good enough to open the scroll? (*Jesus*)
6. ***What will happen when Jesus comes back? Jesus will make all things new.***

SAY • John cried when he saw that no one was good enough to open the scroll. Then John saw Jesus, the Lamb of God. Jesus died on the cross so that we can have forgiveness and life forever with God. Jesus is good enough. He deserves all of our worship. John heard every creature everywhere worshiping Jesus.

Sing the unit theme song or key passage song.

- Bible
- Bible Story Picture Poster
- Giant Timeline or Big Story Circle
- Main Point Poster
- Big Picture Question Poster
- Key Passage Poster
- "I Stand Amazed" song
- "Making Everything New" song

Pray

Invite preschoolers to tell you any prayer requests they have.

SAY • God, thank You that Jesus died on the cross so that we can have forgiveness and life forever. We praise Jesus because He is good enough. Thank You that we get to worship Jesus forever and ever. Amen.

Missions story

If your preschool ministry is planning a missions activity, discuss the activity, the reasons for it, and your group's progress. If you are not participating in a missions activity, talk about how missionaries move to other parts of the world to tell people about the hope of Jesus. You may also show the "Meet the Parra Family" video.

SAY • When Jesus comes back and makes everything new, **everyone and everything will worship Jesus.** The Parra family lives in Spain as missionaries. They tell people about Jesus so that one day they might worship Him forever and ever. Let's pray for the Parra family. Let's pray that they will continue to be able to tell lots of people the good news of Jesus and that they will believe in Jesus.

- "Meet the Parra Family" video
- "Missions Prayer Cards" printable, 1 per child

Sing "Jesus Loves Me"

Lead preschoolers in singing "Jesus Loves Me" using simple hand motions. If you are unfamiliar with the hand motions or tune, check it out online before the session.

SAY • Jesus died on the cross so that we can have forgiveness and life forever with God. He deserves all of our worship. **Everyone and everything will worship Jesus.**