

# Jesus on the Throne

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Revelation 4:2–5:14

**MAIN POINT:** Everyone and everything will worship Jesus.

**UNIT KEY PASSAGE:** Revelation 21:5

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** What will happen when Jesus comes back? Jesus will make all things new.

## Leader BIBLE STUDY

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, worshipping 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 worshipping Jesus forever.

## INTRODUCE THE STORY

### Welcome

Play the unit theme music CD. Invite free play while other preschoolers arrive (until about quarter after). You may use countdown video to help facilitate clean-up to transition to the activity page.

### Activity page

Invite preschoolers to circle who is in charge in each picture.

**SAY • Good job deciding who was in charge! Many different people are in charge of many different things. I am in charge of our class. Your parents are in charge of you, and my boss is in charge of me at work. But do you know who is in charge of every single thing in the whole universe? Jesus! In today's Bible story, we will learn about something that is going to happen in the future—every single person will know that Jesus is in charge!**

### Talk about life stages

Use the “Life Stages” printable. Hold up each picture and tell children about how time passes as we grow up and enter each new life stage. Allow preschoolers to sequence the images

**SAY • In our Bible story, Jesus showed John what will happen in the future. We don't know when it will happen, but we know that it will happen because we can trust everything Jesus tells us. We'll learn what Jesus showed John in our Bible story.**

### Transition to Bible study

Invite preschoolers to Bible study (sitting “criss-cross-applesauce” on the rug in front of the TV).

## TEACH THE STORY

### Introduce the Bible story

**SAY • Can anyone tell me what the future is? [Allow volunteers to answer.] The future is a day that hasn't yet happened. We don't know a lot about the future because it hasn't happened yet! In our Bible story, Jesus showed John something that will happen in the future. Jesus knows what will happen because Jesus is God's Son!**

### Video: Watch the Bible story

Place a bookmark at Revelation in the Bible. Open the Bible to show them the passage.

**SAY • Everything in the Bible is true because the Bible is from God. We can trust God because He is good. Our Bible story today comes from the Book of Revelation.**

*Play "God's Warning to Seven Churches" from DVD*

### Talk about the Bible story

**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. One day, everyone and everything will worship Jesus.**

### Ask the following review questions

1. **What did Jesus show John?** (what would happen in the future)
2. **What were the creatures and elders doing?** (singing, worshipping the One on the throne)
3. **What was in the Lord's hand?** (a scroll)
4. **What did John do when he saw no one was good enough to open the scroll?** (He cried.)
5. **Who opened the scroll?** (Jesus, the Lion of Judah, the Lamb of God)
6. **Who will worship Jesus on the throne?** (Everyone and everything will worship Jesus.)

### Big picture question (preferably on rug together in a circle)

**SAY • Our big picture question is, What will happen when Jesus comes back? Jesus will make all things new. When Jesus went back to heaven, He promised He**

would come back. Jesus always keeps His promises.

### Sing (Bible Verse Memory)

Open your Bible to Revelation 21:5. Read the key passage aloud several times. Sing together the key passage song, “Making Everything New.”

**SAY • Jesus will come back and make all things new. Jesus is good enough to open the scroll, and Jesus is powerful enough to make all things new! One day, everyone and everything will worship Jesus.**

### Pray

**SAY • God, thank You for showing us what will happen in the future. Jesus, You are worthy of our worship! Help us to love You more than anything else in the world. Give us hearts that want to follow You. We love You. Amen**

Serve Snack (Goldfish & Water)

## EXPERIENCE THE STORY

### Toss Crowns

Use the plastic toss rings spray painted gold and two 2-liter bottles with a foot drawn on each one. Set the bottles side by side on the floor. Use tape to make a line on the floor several feet away from the bottles. Tell preschoolers that the gold rings are crowns and the bottles represent Jesus’ feet. Allow preschoolers to take turns tossing the “crowns” at “Jesus’ feet.”

**SAY Jesus showed John what will happen in the future. In John’s vision, the elders all wore crowns and then threw them at Jesus’ feet! They gave Jesus their crowns because Jesus is the one true King and Jesus deserves our worship. One day, everyone and everything will worship Jesus.**

### Seal a Scroll

Distribute a piece of construction paper to each child. Invite the children to decorate their paper with drawings

and stickers. Write the main point on each child's paper, and then guide him to roll up his paper like a scroll. Give him a large sticker to seal his scroll.

**SAY • John cried when he saw that no one was good enough to open the scroll. Then he saw Jesus! Jesus is good enough to open the scroll. Jesus is worthy of our worship. One day, everyone and everything will worship Jesus**

### Choose a side

Invite children to stand in the middle of the room. Inform the children that you will give them two choices. Point to one side of the room for each choice. Children will choose which they like better and run to that side of the room.

Consider using the following choices:

- Vanilla or chocolate
- Chewy fruit-flavored snacks or fish-shaped crackers
- Rainy days or sunny days
- Coloring or play dough
- Playing outside or playing inside
- Worshiping Jesus [Point to only one side of the room.]

**SAY • Some of us like chocolate more than vanilla, and some of us like to color more than playing with play dough! But one day, everyone and everything will worship Jesus. There will be no deciding between two things—only Jesus is worthy of our worship!**

### Free Play Until Pick-up

*When parents pick up their children tell them something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the lesson.*