

# JESUS ON THE THRONE

## Suggested Schedule

1. Tell the Story!
2. Review & Discuss (questions and prompts are provided below)
3. Pray!
4. Optional Activities (print the activity pages, or use other ideas below)

## Tell the Bible Story

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.

## Review

Ask a few of the following review questions:

- What did Jesus show John? (*what would happen in the future*)
- How many elders were seated around Jesus? (*twenty-four, Rev. 4:4*)
- How many creatures were around Jesus’ throne? (*four, Rev. 4:6*)
- What were the creatures and elders doing? (*singing, worshiping the One on the throne*)
- What was in the Lord’s hand? (*a scroll*)
- How many seals were on the scroll? (*seven, Rev. 5:1*)
- What did John do when he saw no one was good enough to open the scroll? (*He cried.*)
- Who opened the scroll? (*Jesus, the Lion of Judah, the Lamb of God*)
- Who worshiped Jesus? (*every creature in heaven, on the earth, and in the sea; Rev. 5:13*)
- What will happen when Jesus returns? (*Jesus will destroy all evil and make all things new.*)

## Discuss

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does the story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

## Optional Activities

### Activity and Coloring Pages

Print the activity and coloring pages below.

### Sing a Song

Sing to the tune of "God Is So Good":

*"Jesus is King. Jesus is King. Jesus is King over everything."*

Say: Jesus is King over everything! All of heaven will praise Jesus forever and ever.

### Make A Crown

Cut a crown shape out of construction paper. Provide stickers, markers or crayons.

Help younger children color or place stickers on it.

Say: *"John saw God's throne in heaven. Jesus is King over everything! People from every nation will praise Jesus forever."*

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