

the book of the
REVELATION

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

weeks 1-4



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WEEK 1 REVELATION

TO THE ONE WHO OVERCOMES

Introduce your kids to the **Book of Revelation**—the last book of the Bible. Other books in the Bible tell us about things that happened in the past, but **Revelation** talks about things that will happen in the future. It is an unveiling of the reality and conflict that those that follow Jesus (Christians) have experienced: the battle of Good vs. Evil.



Read Revelation 1:1-10 as a family before you talk with your kids then engage in the discussions below for each age group.



Pre-School

- Do you know the name of the first book in the Bible? (*Genesis*)
- Do you know the name of the last book in the Bible? (*Revelation*)
- Did you know that the Bible is one BIG book?

(The Bible is God's story. There are 66 books in the Bible. God gave us the Bible so we can learn more about Him.)



Elementary

- What does the word “worth” mean? (*Cost, value, merit*)
- What does the word “worship” mean? (*Reverence, devotion, love*)
- Why is God worthy of our worship?

(Because He loves us, because he sent His son to die for us)



Students

- Have you ever read **Revelation** or heard anything about this book? If so, what?
- What are you excited to learn in this series?

PARENTS

Pray that God will reveal something new to each of your kids this week.

WEEK 2 REVELATION

TO THE ONE WHO OVERCOMES

Because the **Book of Revelation** is highly symbolic, avoid dwelling on the physical description of Jesus found in **Revelation 1**. Jesus' appearance to John (the author of **Revelation**) reveals what Jesus is like: worthy of all honor and praise, powerful, and victorious.

Engage in the discussions below for each age group.



Pre-School

- What do you know about God? (*He is always with me, He loves me, He is a BIG God that knows everything*)
- What are some ways we can worship God? (*Singing, giving, praying, spending time with God*)



Elementary

- Have you ever been told to do something by someone, but you knew you shouldn't do it because you would be disobeying your parents or God? What did you do?
- God asks us to worship Him and only Him. When we worship God, we are showing our obedience to him. Why do you worship God?



Students

- What are some of the names of God you've heard? (*Hint: Revelation has a lot!*)
- How does the Jesus described in **Revelation 1:12-18** differ from how you have viewed Jesus?
- How did John react to seeing the glorified Jesus?
- When you worship, do you picture the meek, approachable, earthly Jesus or the glorified Jesus described in **Revelation 1**?

PARENTS

This week during dinner, work with your kids to come up with symbols and what they represent.

(*Examples: Golden Arches - McDonalds, Swoosh - Nike*)

Then, ask them to name symbols they know from the Bible. (*Cross - Jesus' death, Communion - Jesus' Body and blood - Jesus' resurrection, Manger - Jesus' birth*)

WEEK 3 REVELATION

TO THE ONE WHO OVERCOMES

John saw Jesus walking among seven lampstands, which symbolize the seven churches. Explain that lampstands are used to bring light into dark places. That is the purpose of the church - to bring the light of the Gospel into a dark world. Jesus loves the church and wants us to overcome evil by being more like Him every day.

In **Revelation 2 and 3**, Jesus commended the churches for their good work, warned them about the areas in which they needed correction, and urged them to return to their first love.

Engage in the discussions below for each age group.



Pre-School

- What do you love most about church?
(*Learning about Jesus, singing, friends*)
- God created us perfect, but sometimes we make mistakes.
What is this called?
(*Sin- Anything you do, say, or think that is against God*)
- What are some things that can help us not sin?
(*Make good choices, reading our Bible, worshiping God, pray*)



Elementary

- Reading our Bible is a great way to help us decide what choices we should make and how to live our lives. What is one thing you have learned from reading the Bible on how you should live?
- Reading the Bible is an act of worship. What are your favorite verses in the Bible and why?

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WEEK 3 REVELATION (CONT.)



Students

- How do you think the churches felt when they received these letters from John?
- How do you feel when someone gives you a compliment?
- How do you feel when someone corrects you or points out something that you're doing wrong? Do you feel offended, guilty, etc.?
- What are the areas of your life that you are doing well in?
- What are the areas of your life that may need some correction?
- What are you excited to learn in this series?

PARENTS

Pray with your kids this week as they head to school. Pray that they would be a light in the darkness and show Jesus to those that don't know Him.

WEEK 4 REVELATION

TO THE ONE WHO OVERCOMES

Jesus, the Lamb of God, is worthy of our praise. All the creatures in John's vision worshiped Jesus. As you discuss **Revelation 4:1-11** with your kids, remind them that Jesus is our treasure who is worthy of all honor. Worship Him together in song.

Engage in the discussions below for each age group.



Pre-School

- God created us to worship Him. What will happen if we do not worship Him? (*The rocks will worship Him. Read Luke 19:40*)
- How do you worship God?
(*Singing, going to church, praying to him*)



Elementary

- What are your favorite worship songs to sing? Why are those your favorite?
- Our voice can be a powerful tool. When we worship God, we are all about praising Him. What are some ways we can use our voices to worship God besides singing?



Students

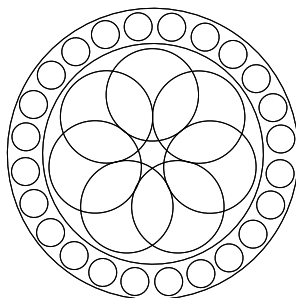
- How do you worship God?
- Are you giving him the worship He deserves?

PARENTS

While driving, turn on a familiar worship song and sing the song together as a family. Try to do this a few times this week.

“I WANT TO REMEMBER THAT ONE!”

Did one of your kids say something during the devo that you don't want to forget? Here is some space for you to write it down. Write down anything you can think of as well. Write, draw, whatever! Capture those thoughts!



FAMILY GUIDE TO REVELATION

This family discussion guide is designed to create conversations about what we are learning at church and in our own spiritual growth. Use this guide around the dinner table, on the go, or even after you attend church.

This is a tool to help you incorporate spiritual practices into your lives and help you grow spiritually as a family.