

Revelation

The Lamb and The Scroll

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PASSAGE:

Revelation 5

SUMMARY:

God holds a scroll in His right hand that can only be opened by the Lamb who was slain.

BIBLE TRUTH:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing” Revelation 5:12.

CHALLENGE:

Worship the Lamb, who is worthy.

Four essential elements for each week are:



Memory verse



Core Group



Wrap-Up Teaching



Prayer

PRAY for God-given creativity as you prepare and lead.



Opening

Open with prayer. Opening ideas include: Pledges, Ten Commandments or other Bible skills such as Attributes of God, Fruit of the Spirit, and Armor of God. These can be found in the **Teaching Helps Supplement (THS)**.

Introduce the Challenge: The Sword in the Stone

Do any of you remember the King Arthur story of the Sword in the Stone? The invitation was extended to all high and low in the entire country to pull out a sword that was magically imbedded in stone. Only the person found noble and truly worthy could achieve the task of pulling the sword out of the stone would be crowned King of the land. Multitudes have tried through the ages to prove they were worthy to rule the world through various means, but only Jesus Christ by His divine nature and by the things He has done is truly worthy.

In our lesson, God holds a scroll in His right hand that can be opened by the Lamb that was slain. “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing” Revelation 5:12. God wants us to worship the Lamb, who is worthy.

Let’s ponder on these questions:

- What are you passionate about?
- What do you do with all your energy and strength?
- What do you give your most focused thoughts and creativity?
- What do you respect and reverence the most?
- What most often fills you with joy?

I hope your answer is the worship and praise of God. He is worthy! Why? Because He created you, and because Jesus Christ died for you. There is a reason God gives you might and wisdom – so you can give it right back to Him! This is the reason you exist, and this is the source of true joy.

Memory Verse

Verse: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” Revelation 5:12

First Letter Only – Items needed: white board or poster board and marker.

Before class: Write the verse with reference on the board.

Instructions:

- Say the verse together.
- Erase (mark out if using poster board) all but the first letter of the first word in the verse.
- Say the verse again.
- Erase all but the first letter of the second word in the verse.
- Continue until there are only the first letters in each word left on the board.
- Say the verse again.

Music

Suggested Theme Song:

“Even So Come” (Passion)

Additional Suggestions:

“Worthy Is the Lamb” (Hillsong)

“This Is Amazing Grace” (Phil Wickham)

Core Group

Core Leading Tip: Before discussion begins, discreetly ask an over eager student to choose one or two questions to answer to allow the rest of the students to participate.

Introduce and explain the Memory Verse for the next lesson: **“For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”** Revelation 7:17

Wrap-Up Teaching

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Bible Truth: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing” Revelation 5:12.

Challenge: Worship the Lamb, who is worthy.

Option #1 - Illustration: Who is Worthy?

Ann Graham Lotz in her book, The Vision of His Glory, speaks of the many Bible heroes in the search for one that was worthy. Included were such names as Abraham, Moses and Enoch, who walked so closely with God that one day they walked right into heaven, but none of these were found worthy. Not David, who was so close to God's heart or Elijah, who was taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot is found worthy. Not John the Baptist, who was called the greatest man on earth by Jesus Himself. Not even Mary, mother of Jesus, who God called “highly favored.” Not Peter or Paul or John himself is worthy. No one out of millions of the members of the human race is worthy. No heavenly being or created creature in the entire galaxy can be found. No one steps forward to take the scroll from God's hand. If this scroll is indeed the “last will and testament” of creation, then we know the only rightful heir — Jesus Christ. In Hebrews 1:2 He is referred to as the “heir of all things.” And as His children we should worship Him because He is worthy.

Adapted from: The Vision of His Glory, Word Publishing, by Ann Graham Lotz, page 12

Option #2 - What's in a Name: Items needed: white board or poster board and marker

Have students share their full name, explaining any reason one of the names was chosen. Do they have nicknames? If someone did not know their names, how would that person describe them? Human kings and leaders in history, whose names came from their character:

- Richard, the Lionhearted (England)
- Stephen, the Saint (Hungary)
- Ivan, the Terrible (Russia)

Names and descriptions of Jesus:

- **Lion of Judah** (Genesis 49:8-10) – Image of a lion has dignity, sovereignty, courage, and victory.
- **Root of David** – Jesus Himself is the root of David, because He is the Creator, 100% God. Son of David (Matthew 1:1-16). Jesus is the only living Jew who can prove His kingship from the genealogical records. Jesus, in His earthly body, is a descendent of King David, 100% human.
- **Lamb of God** (Exodus 11 and 12; John 1:29) – Symbolism of the image using the number seven means perfect power (horns), wisdom (eyes), and presence (in all the earth).

Have students give additional names and descriptions they know of Jesus. Write these on the board. All read list together when completed. Suggestions: Author and Finisher, Bread of Life, Bright Morning Star, Chief Cornerstone, Faithful and True Witness, Head of the Church, King of King, Lord of Lord Messenger of the Covenant.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important to know that the Lamb is worthy? (The object of our worship should be worthy, Jesus is worthy because He died in our place, to save us from our sins.)
2. What do you think was in the scroll? (Some think it is the legal title to the planet Earth and the universe, some think it is similar to other scrolls mentioned in Ezekiel 2:9-10 that contain woes such as God's wrath. We cannot know for sure because the Bible does not tell us.)
3. Who holds the scroll before it's handed off? (God on the throne.)
4. How can God develop His strength in you? (Learn to walk in humility, allow Him to grow fruit in your life.)

Prayer

Every Knee Shall Bow

Instructions:

- Read Philippians 2:10-11 and lead students in prayer.
- **Acknowledge** that Jesus is the Lamb who was slain and is worthy of our worship.
- **Confess** our sins silently before Him.
- **Thank Jesus** for offering His life for ours.
- **Ask Jesus** to help us get ready for His return.

Snack

Please check allergies.

Serve a simple snack.

Snack Idea: Fruit leather scroll. Cut a long strip of fruit leather and roll the two edges together like a scroll.

Craft

Beaded Cross – Items needed: multicolored, multi-sized beads, 20-gauge wire (heavier) for forming cross pieces, 26-gauge wire (thinner) for stringing beads, wire cutters or scissors.

Instructions:

- Students shape and form cross; approximate size of cross: 5x3 inches which requires approximately 48 inches of 20-gauge wire and two yards of the 26-gauge wire.
- Apply beads with the 26-gauge (thinner wire).



Activity/Game

Praise Toss – Items needed: stuffed animal or ball.

Instructions:

- Students stand in a large circle and a number is assigned to each student.
- One student stands in the center of the circle holding the ball.
- He/she calls out a number as the ball is tossed in the air.
- The student whose number is called catches the ball and names one reason to praise the Lord (Answered prayer, family, friends, and so on.)

- After naming one reason, student tosses the ball into the air again and calls out another number.
- Game continues with students tossing the ball, calling out a number, and students naming a reason to praise God.
- Continue until all students have had a turn.

Adapted from: [Really Big Book of Bible Games](#), Gospel Light, page 190.



Closing

The Lion is a Lamb

Items needed: pictures of a roaring lion and a sweet lamb.

Did you wonder in today's lesson why when no one was found worthy to open the scroll except the lion of Judah, John turned to look expecting the powerful lion with long claws extended to rip open the scroll but instead saw a little lamb with death wounds, seemingly powerless. But at His appearance, the heavenly creatures and 24 elders fall on their faces before the Lamb and myriads and thousands of thousands are saying in a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and wisdom" (Revelation 5:12).

A lamb brings to mind a docile, domestic animal grazing in a field of green. A lion brings to mind a ferocious roaring beast with mouth wide open and huge teeth. The hunted and the hunter. One found in a petting zoo and the other behind secure bars. Do you know what an oxymoron is? It's describing a thing by two opposite words such as jumbo shrimp or a deafening silence. Only in the Bible do the words Lion and Lamb belong together. The Lion is the Lamb. His power is found in His death, because with His death, He purchased the souls of people, and He was thereby made worthy to open the scroll.

God's strength is disguised as weakness. But His power isn't weak ... it's humility. Jesus chose to lay His life down, for the world, for us. Doesn't that make Him worthy of our praise?

Adapted from: www.sermoncentral.com, The Lion is a Lamb: The Humility of God, by Rodney Buchanan.

Close in prayer praising God for who He is; worthy is the Lamb – He is worthy.