

Family Worship Guide – Week 36

MEMORIZE

Revelation 7:9-10 – After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

READ

Read Revelation 7:9-17.

This passage is incredible because it offers a glimpse of what worship is like in heaven with the One True God. The great sovereignty and power of God are on display. There are all nations represented around His throne, showing that He has been victorious in rescuing to Himself some from every tribe. Furthermore, He is caring for His saints and giving them great joy and rest forever. It is also good to note that they used to be crying, experiencing severe heat and thirst, and great hunger, for that is what He is promising they will experience no more. What do you think this means? Why were God’s people enduring this kind of suffering? We see that God is totally in control in this passage, so why do you think He allowed them to suffer in the ways they have?

Questions:

What does this passage teach us about God? What does this passage teach us about man?

Are there any commands that we need to obey in this passage? Are there any promises that we can hope in?

What sticks out to you in this passage? What is your favorite part? What is your least favorite part? What part of Jesus’ words bring the most joy to you?

Bottom Line: The One True God is merciful and just, sovereign over all events and victorious to save many from among the nations.

SING

This week we will sing “Jesus Paid It All”, a traditional hymn modernized by Kristian Stanfill. The lyrics are humbling and powerful, recognizing our weakness and inability to please God on our own merit and praising Christ for his complete atonement for our sins. Rest and rejoice in the knowledge that Jesus’ work alone in our hearts changes us so that we can ‘watch and pray, find in [him our] all in all’. He melts hardened hearts from every nation and washes us ‘white as snow’. ‘Oh praise the One who paid my debt, and raised this life up from the dead!’

Visit our website for a link to this song: www.brookhills.org/gathering/this_week.html.

SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created by the age-group ministry leaders as a way to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God’s word and worship him together.

Preschool

- Before you begin, gather paper, and markers or crayons. Open your Bible and read Revelation 7:9-10 with your preschooler.
- Tell your child that the Bible is God’s word. God’s Word is true.
- Now draw with your child a picture of the sun and a picture of the moon. Remind your child that the sun and moon are two great lights that God created.
- Explain to your child that in heaven the light will shine at all times. It will be a great and glorious place. Heaven is better than any place we can imagine.
- In heaven, we will be able to worship God all the time. Do you know one way we can worship God is to sing songs to Him?
- Teach your preschooler the first two lines of the hymn, “Holy, Holy, Holy.”

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee!

- The word 'holy' means that God is different than everyone else. The one true God that created you, the world, and everything in it is bigger, better, and stronger than anyone or anything. He deserves all our praise and worship!
- Let's pray and thank God for everything He created and thank Him for heaven.

Children

- Read Revelation 7: 9-17. This passage offers an amazing picture of what heaven will be like as we worship our Sovereign God and Mighty Savior.
- In verses 9-10, what things do you notice in this scene? See how many you can list: great multitude, from all people groups, before throne of the Lamb, clothed in white robes, waving palm branches, saying "Salvation to God and Lamb".
- Does this remind you of any other story we've read about earlier this year? What about the triumphal entry of Jesus on Palm Sunday? Read Matthew 21: 1-9 and compare the passage with the one in Revelation. What are the similarities and differences?
- In Matthew, Jesus enters Jerusalem on a simple donkey; there is crowd of people spreading palm branches on the road and shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David...Hosanna in the highest!" The people would have been Jewish and mostly poor, and they were looking for a king.
- Now in Revelation, we see the glorified Christ who has conquered Death and Hades, who was sacrificed as a Lamb and who now gives salvation to a great multitude (i.e. a great number of people) from all nations, tribes, peoples, and languages. He has cleansed them from their sins because of His blood. The Triumphal Entry was in Jerusalem, but the Triumphal Ending is in Heaven!
- In verses 13-17, the "elder" describes a group of people before the throne. Who are they? (The saints who suffered trials.) What is their reward? (Eternal salvation.)
- How is heaven described? (You are always with God, protected by God; there is no hunger, no thirst, no heat, no tears; Jesus is the Shepherd.) Even if we suffer trials and persecutions in this life (like Paul and other disciples), Jesus promises that Heaven will be a place of complete joy and rest.
- What is the greatest result of all the trials that the saints suffered or that you may suffer? (see vs. 9 - A great multitude will be saved and join us in heaven for eternity!)
- One of the best things about heaven is that other believers will be there, too. It would be sad to get to heaven but not have your family, friends and others with you. Right? Why? Because they would be in hell.
- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel so that many others can join you in the multitude before the throne of the Lamb.

Students

- As a family read Revelation 7:9-17.
- Verse 9 speaks of a great multitude waving palm branches. What did waving palm branches mean in Jesus' day? (See Lev. 23:40; Neh. 8:15-17; John 12:13...Note: Palm branches signify triumph and victory.)
- What were they excited about? What is the activity of heaven?
- Reread 7:13-14. Note that vs. 14 says the ones who have white robes came out of the tribulation and were washed in the blood of lamb. The passage also says that washing their robes in this blood caused them to be made white. Doesn't this seem odd? What do you think "white" signifies in this passage? Can anyone else's blood cause you to be made clean?
- Those who came out of the tribulation had their robes washed. What does that mean for those that will be in heaven? If this is true is it possible to get to heaven simply by being a good person? What do your friends believe about heaven and how to get there?
- Why is being "washed in the blood of the lamb" necessary?
- Close in prayer. Thank the Lord for making a way for us to be made white and clean. Thank him for sacrificing His son to so that we can be made holy and acceptable before Him. Ask the Lord to give you words to speak to those who have yet to believe in the truth of this word.

