



Maranatha Weekly Study Guide - 2/17/21

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Here are some things the adults are learning about that we can learn too!

- God is sovereign & holy.
 - Sovereign means God has supreme or ultimate power.
 - Holy means God is worthy of complete devotion since He is perfect in goodness and righteousness.
- Even though God has supreme power, he doesn't force us to follow Him and He doesn't mistreat us. Instead, God invites us to follow Him by His love, gentleness, and generosity.
- No matter what our situation looks like, God is in control. Just beyond what we can see with our eyes is a heavenly reality that is linked with our daily lives. (One of my favorite stories in the Bible explains this a little more – you can read it in 2 Kings 6:8-23.)
 - Let's take courage and hope from this!
 - Let's worship God confidently because we know He is in control!
 - And let's stop living the way the world tells us to live and instead start living like God tells us to live in the Bible.

READ AND DISCUSS: If you participated last week, you'll see we're reviewing. ☺ Read Acts 3:1-10 or "The Lame Man" in The Beginner's Bible starting on page 484.

- Who did Peter say made the lame man walk?
- How did this miracle help spread the news about Jesus?

When Jesus returned to heaven, He gave His followers (like Peter & John...and like you & me) the job of representing Him everywhere we go and Jesus gave us power through the Holy Spirit so we would:

- have courage to tell others about Jesus,
- know the right words to say to tell others about Jesus,
- have strength and courage to live the way the Bible tells us,
- and sometimes even do miracles in Jesus' name!

MEMORIZE: John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Check out the memory verse cards included with this week's family guide:

1. Cut out the cards
2. Put them in order & practice saying the verse. Then, remove (or turn over) one card at a time and see if you can still say it with the missing words. Repeat until you say the entire verse with no cards showing! 3. Scramble the cards and see if you can put them back in order. Try timing yourself to see if you can get faster!

And, check out these fun videos with motions & music for our verse:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=p6MBjrjyR-g>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdGlvwn5bKE>

HAVE FUN:

1. You will need: pieces of paper & a writing utensil. On the pieces of paper, write activities your child can do with their legs. (Examples include run in place, walk in a circle, march, hop, and stand on one foot.)
2. Put the papers face down in a pile. Let your child choose one and complete the activity. After he has completed each activity, help your child discover that he used his legs for each one.
3. Remind him of the story from the Bible about Peter and John healing the lame beggar and encourage your child to walk, leap, and praise God just the like the beggar did when he was healed! Taken from:

<https://www.watermark.org/blog/three-activities-for-preschool-families-a-lame-beggar-is-healed>

John 3:16 Cards

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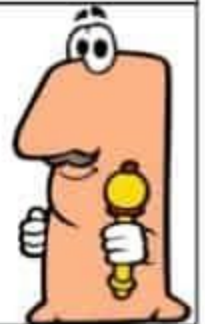
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Text: Revelation 4:8b, 11; 5:5-6, 9-10, 12-14

Symbols and Images that Spark Our _____

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The Preeminent Symbol (Rev 5:5-6)

- The Lion of the Tribe of Judah and the Root of David point to _____.
- The Lamb image tempers the power symbols with _____.
- The followers of the Lion Who is a Lamb must use His methodology.

Worship in Heaven and on Earth

- We need this vision to _____ our lives.
- We need this vision to build our _____.
- We need this vision to reorient our _____.
- We need this vision to remind us that we currently have a dimension of heavenly _____.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- How do we express our understanding of God's sovereignty (God is in fact in control of all human history, including the present) in our day-to-day lives?
- How can a weak view of God's sovereignty lead to despair and confusion? How can a strong view of bring comfort to the suffering and correction to the compromising?
- How can God be called sovereign when His servants must sometimes suffer hardship and even death?
- How does the concept of triumph or overcoming in Revelation overturn the normal meaning of those words?
- How important do you think it is for Christians to model a life of sacrifice like "the slain lamb"? What happens when we move away from this kind of life?
- What temptations are there for Christians in nations where Christianity is relatively influential?
- How can we balance being salt and light in a society and desiring that our moral views be accepted by others in the culture?
- How does a sacrificial/crucified life serve as a model for Christians in politics?
- From what we see in chapter five, how is Christ's authority to be exercised?
- Do you think that we take the existence of heavenly beings seriously? Why or why not? How might our Western scientific/technological mindset affect our ability to accept the reality of their existence?

- How does the focus on heavenly worship set a standard for our worship?
- How should Revelation chapter four affect the substance of what we say, pray, or sing?
- What is to be the focus of our corporate worship?
- Why do you think modern worship sometimes falls into the pursuit of individual experience or into a mode of entertainment?
- How is our worship affected by the culture of the world rather than the culture of God's kingdom portrayed in the visions of Revelation chapters four and five?
- How can we recover the true meaning and expression of worship?

All questions are taken from *Revelation: A Shorter Commentary* by G. K. Beale (pp. 107-108, 119-120: Eerdmans, 2015)