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JESUS IS WORTHY OF WORSHIP

REVELATION 4-5

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus is worthy. He deserves all praise, honor, and blessing.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

What is the hope of the church? The church looks forward to Jesus' return.

MEMORY VERSE

Revelation 21:4



LEADER BIBLE STUDY

John's vision of heaven in Revelation 4–5 offers us a glimpse of Jesus' worthiness and heaven's splendor, as those found in Him will abide with Him forever. From these passages, we know that God will forever reign with all glory, splendor, righteousness, and holiness attributed to His name.

How does Jesus meet John — and us — in our need? What do we learn about the nature of heaven and our role there as the redeemed?

Revelation 5 introduces the crucial conflict of today's passage: No one has been found worthy to break the seal of this great scroll. This somber realization led the apostle to weep, until his gaze was lifted up to Jesus. He alone has conquered the power of sin and death, making Him the only One worthy to open the scroll. However, the magnificent, conquering Son of God did not appear in the way we would expect; rather, His appearance was like a slaughtered lamb — representing His sacrifice on our behalf.

As He took the scroll, the creatures and elders fell down before Him in praise. The angels likewise declared that the slaughtered lamb's power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing would endure forever! The resurrected Jesus who defeated sin and death rose victoriously to bring us back into relationship with the Father. By trusting in Him and giving Him praise for all He has done, we find our purpose in this life and for all days to come. We will forever worship the only One worthy of praise. This is what heaven is: the place of eternal unity with our Lord, where we will praise Him for eternity, no longer inhibited by sin. We will experience God's glory in its fullness there forevermore.

As you prepare to teach this session to kids, remember this main point: Christ is worthy of endless praise and has made a way for us to dwell with Him forever! Though this passage may seem difficult to comprehend, the simplicity of His worthiness is what we must return to: Our God is good, and He loved us enough to send us His Son.

TERMS TO KNOW

Revelation: the last book of the Bible, written by the apostle John, the book of Revelation is an apocalyptic work pointing to future hope and calling for present faithfulness



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John was on the island of Patmos when he had a vision. Jesus appeared to John and showed him what will happen before the end of time. In the book of Revelation, John wrote about what he saw.

John saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it. The One seated looked like fiery red stones. A rainbow like an emerald surrounded the throne. He saw 24 other thrones around the throne, and 24 elders sat on the thrones. Each elder wore a gold crown.

John saw four living creatures around the throne. “The first creature was like a lion; the second creature was like an ox; the third creature had a face like a man; and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle. Each creature had six wings. All day and night they never stop saying:

“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Almighty, who was, who is, and who is coming.”

John saw the creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the One on the throne. He saw the elders fall down and worship, throwing their crowns before the throne. They say to God:

“You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because You have created all things.”

Then John saw a scroll in the right hand of the One seated on the throne. A mighty angel asked, “Who is worthy to open the scroll?”

No one in heaven was worthy. No one on earth was worthy. No one under the earth was worthy either. John began to cry loudly because no one was worthy! At last, one of the elders said, “Look! The Lion of Judah is able to open the scroll. He is worthy!”

Then John saw someone standing near the throne. He was like a slaughtered lamb. He took the scroll, and the elders and living creatures fell down before Jesus, the Lamb. They worshiped Him and sang a new song.

John heard thousands and thousands of angels around the throne. They said in a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

John heard every creature everywhere — in heaven, on earth, under the earth, and on the sea — worshiping the Lamb together.

CHRIST CONNECTION

John cried when he saw that no one was worthy to open the scroll. Then John saw the resurrected Lamb — God’s Son, Jesus. Jesus died on the cross so that we could have forgiveness and eternal life. **Jesus is worthy. He deserves all praise, honor, and blessing.**

PROMOTION SUNDAY!



Celebrating kids moving up to the next grade

WELCOME

Happy Promotion Sunday! If you're not familiar with Promotion Sunday at Northwest, this is the day most of our kids are moving up to the next grade for the upcoming school year.

Whether kids are meeting new teachers, stepping into a different classroom, or both, this is a day of change for everyone. This can be a lot for some kids — especially our incoming Kindergarteners! Do your best to connect with everyone who comes into your classroom, and make space for questions as well as fun.

Before heading to Large Group, kids can chat, play games, draw on the whiteboard, etc.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

Today, we've got tons of fun planned as we celebrate kids moving up to the next grade! That means our morning will look a bit different than usual.

A condensed version of Large Group will start downstairs five minutes after service begins, with no worship and a short lesson. After that, kids are free to spread out in the Children's building to participate in our Glow Party programming! See the schedule below and page 5 for more details.

SCHEDULE

9 AM

9:00 - 9:05 | Drop-off in classrooms
9:05 - 9:15 | Large Group
9:15 - 10:00 | Glow Party
10:00 - 10:05 | Large Group
10:05 | Return to classrooms for pickup

10:35 AM

10:35 - 10:40 | Drop-off in classrooms
10:40 - 10:50 | Large Group
10:50 - 11:35 | Glow Party
11:35 - 11:40 | Large Group
11:40 | Return to classrooms for pickup

GLOW PARTY

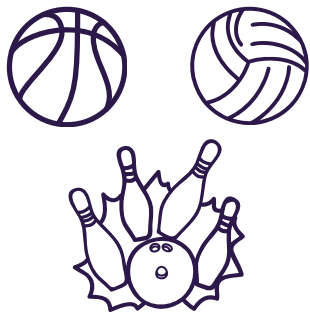


Crafts, games, and glow-in-the-dark fun after Large Group

GYM

The gym is our main *play zone* in the Glow Party today! Available games will include:

- Dodgeball
- Cornhole
- Bucketball
- Basketball
- Bowling



These games aren't just for kids; leaders, feel free to join in on the fun as well!

ROOM 130

After Large Group downstairs, we're converting this room into the *dance zone!* Among other things, this area will have:

- Music
- Glow sticks
- Neon balloons
- Light-up glasses



This is the area for kids to go all-out and enjoy a free, open space!

ROOM 230

The upstairs Large Group room is our *chill zone*. For kids who enjoy crafts and quieter activities, this is the place to go! Craft options will include:

- Beaded necklaces/bracelets
- Coloring activities/pages
- Tissue paper crafts

Kids can also play a ring toss game and Jenga, or build a glow-in-the-dark fort!

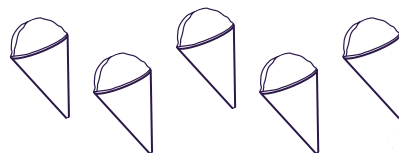


KONA ICE

In addition to the games, crafts, activities, and other fun we've got planned, we also have a sweet surprise in store: a shaved ice truck!

A Kona Ice truck will be in the parking lot next to the CLC and volleyball court from 10 AM - 12 PM. Both kids and leaders can go out and grab a cup of flavored ice at any point during this time.

To visit the truck, kids must be accompanied by at least two leaders!



CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids while they wait to be picked up

REMINDERS

Throughout the morning, kids are free to roam around the different Glow Party areas. Instead of staying with a specific group of kids, volunteers will stick to assigned stations. Your job this morning is to engage with kids at your station!

Today is a celebration for kids *and* volunteers, so be sure to join in on the fun! Do your best to connect with kids this morning and participate in the games and activities we have planned.

At the same time, be mindful of shy or quiet kids who might get overwhelmed or overstimulated — especially our brand-new Kindergarteners. If a kid is having a hard time in one of the louder areas, take them to the upstairs Large Group room.

PARENT PICK-UP

When parents arrive to pick their kids up, please do the following:

- Help kids gather anything they brought or want to take home
 - *Today, each kid will receive a gift to celebrate promotions! Make sure everyone gets one when they're picked up.*
- Have kids give you their name tag, then check the code on the tag against the security code their parent has
 - *Parents must present a security code that matches the code on their child's name tag. If either a name tag or a security code has been lost, call a hall captain or Taylor!*

BEFORE YOU GO...

We'd love your help with teardown!

We're going to have a lot of fun today — but that also means we'll have a lot to clean up!

If you are available after the 10:35 service, Taylor would love your help cleaning up the gym.

Just report to her after service and help wherever you can for however long you can.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!