



Family Worship Guide – Revelation 5:9-14

MEMORIZE

Psalm 96:1-2

“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim His salvation day after day.”

READ

Read Revelation 4: 1-11 & 5:9-14

In 4:1-11 we get an amazing, inside look at worship in heaven! When you read this, make sure you read it imaginatively. Try drawing a picture if it helps. John wants us to feel the environment, to hear the sounds, to see the wonders that he is explaining. The elders and the four living creatures are in the presence of God and their response is continual worship. Only one God is worthy of this!

In verses 5:9-14, we get another inside look. This time we see the results of Jesus triumph. He is worthy to open the scroll. He is called a Lion, a root of David, and a Lamb. Notice the response when He takes the scroll: worship! But not just any worship, they sing a new song. The song that was talked about in the OT, see Psalms 33:1-4 and 96:1-2.

This amazing scene ends with the entire universe worshipping Jesus! They worship in song and in stillness. This is a victory celebration unlike any the universe ever witnessed before! And the most exciting news, we can participate in this celebration every day, every breath, every moment!

Discussion: (Use these questions as guidelines for discussion with your family. Share your experiences as they relate to the question and then ask the question to the rest of the family.)

1. What is the significance of Jesus being called a Lion, the Root of David, and a Lamb?
2. Discuss the worship that the elders and the four living creatures participate in because they are in the presence of God. This presence indwells in us by the Holy Spirit. Discuss how knowing this should impact our worship.
3. The battle has been won. Jesus is victorious. As followers of Jesus, this means we are living in victory, we act from victory. Victory is not something we need to obtain, we have been given it through Jesus. Analyze your day, your life. What are things you are doing to obtain victory? What are ways you can act from victory instead of acting to obtain victory? What impact should it have on our lives that Jesus is victorious?
4. What can you do weekly as a family to remember that we live in victory through Jesus? Commit to doing this with your family!

Bottom Line: Jesus is victorious! That is why the new song was sung. Join in singing this new song every day of your life!

SING (dance and have fun with this one)

“Joyful Noise” (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jTLeHuvHXuk>)

This is a mix of hip-hop and rock. Enjoy it and have fun. If you can't rap, join in singing the chorus.

“Revelation Song” (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-zk-E55dRk>)

This song is just awesome. What a powerful worship song!



SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created for specific age ranges 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 (up to 5)

- Take time to worship Jesus as a family with your own "new song"
- Make a drawing or painting that can be a reminder of why we can sing the new song
- Be creative, have fun. Work as a family and make one picture, or have each person make a picture.
- End by discussing what the picture means.

Children (K-5th)

- Take time to worship Jesus as a family with your own "new song"
- This can be whatever you want it to be. You can use the preschool option (see above)
- Or you can write a poem together to celebrate Jesus' victory. Or make a song. Or maybe you bake a cake as a family and have your own celebration with music and dancing. Regardless of what you do, make sure you explain the reason for this, celebrating Jesus Christ's victory!
- Be creative and have fun.

Students (6th-12th)

- Take time to worship Jesus as a family with your own "new song"
- See above two options (preschool and children) for possible ideas
- The idea this week is to celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ. Be creative and have fun.
- Write a poem, write a song, write a play, make art to hang around the house, create a dance routine to a worship song about the victory of Christ, bake a cake and have a party (and invite other people over too).
- Make it fun. Make it high energy. We are joining in the celebration of Jesus!

PRAY

Pray a prayer of thanksgiving that Jesus Christ gave His body and His blood that we could receive life! Thank Jesus for the victory He gave us and ask Him to help us live our lives from victory.