

THEME: Christ Revealed

## MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

BIG IDEA: Christ is Sovereign over all.

SONGS: Click here for Sunday's worship set. Be sure to subscribe to our channel!

TEACHING PASSAGE: Revelation 1:9-20

See the **next page** for any additional resources, including any activities that can be done with young children.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. How does the setting and circumstances of this letter (v.9) give weight to the words John is writing? Why was John there on Patmos? What can we learn about the nature of suffering from this verse?
- 2. What details of John's description of Christ in his glory stick out to you, and why?
- 3. What does John's response to Christ in his glory teach us about worship?
- 4. In what ways can Jesus' words in verses 17-20 be of great encouragement to us right now?

# **Additional Resources**

#### Teaching Passage: Revelation 1:9-20

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup> saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. <sup>19</sup> Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. <sup>20</sup> As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

## **Activity**

Ask: What does the word *Revelation* mean? (use a dictionary)

Who is John describing in his vision? (Jesus)

Read 2 Corinthians 3:18 "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."

**Say**: As believers, when we read, reflect, and discuss about Jesus we begin to become more and more like him. As we read, reflect and discuss Revelation let's not get distracted by all the imagery, let's focus on what it reveals about Jesus so we can reflect him to all the people around us and therefore be blessed.

Ask: Where is Jesus standing in this vision?

**Say:** Jesus reveals to John that the 7 lampstands are the 7 churches. So, Jesus is standing among the churches, that includes Community Fellowship.

Discuss how that might help you feel safe and secure.

Read verses 13-16 again. Now read each pair of words and choose a word from each pair that you feel describes Jesus based on verses 13-16. If you disagree take time to explain your choice.

Strong or Weary Old or Wise Near or Far Limited or Everlasting Scary or Powerful Rule or Dominate Whisper or Loud Bright or Dim

Ask: What are some attributes about Jesus that you want others to know?

**Activity**: Step outside and look around you. Find something to describe to someone as if they had never seen it before. Use imagery to describe the scene? What is being described in this example: There I see it standing tall and strong above all others with multiple arms reaching high into the heavens waving at me with its countless green hands with some yellow, orange, and red. The brisk wind rushes through the hands whisking away a few of the colorful ones, tossing them through the air until the wind settles and places the colorful hands gently on the ground.



COLORING PAGE

# THE LAMPSTAND

Read Revelation 1:12-20. Color the lampstand (menorah).

