

**THEME:** Hear what the Spirit says to the churches!

**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.

**SONGS:** Click <u>here</u> for Sunday's worship set. Be sure to subscribe to our channel!

**TEACHING PASSAGE:** Revelation 7

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

## **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. The last verse of Revelation 6 asked the question "who can stand?" Now we see that there is a delay from the opening of the seventh seal, what is the reason for the delay? (verse 3)
- 2. God's seal is of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14) and it comes with comfort and a challenge (2 Timothy 2:19). How have you been a servant of God?
- 3. 2 groups that are to be sealed are mentioned. Who does the first group represent? (verses 4-8) Who is in the second group, and what do you think it signifies? (verse 9) (Matthew 24:14)
- 4. The multitude are dressed in white robes of righteousness and carry palm branches of victory then they cry out with a loud voice. What is the cry, and how is that important to us today? (verse 10)
- 5. Those that have been washed by the blood of the Lamb (verse14) are now before the throne of God. What blessing will they receive (verse 16) and what will the Lamb do for them? (verse 17)

## **Additional Resources**

**Teaching Passage**: Revelation 7

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." <sup>4</sup> And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

- 5 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
  - 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
  - 12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
- 6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
  - 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali.
  - 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh.
- <sup>7</sup> 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
  - 12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
  - 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
- 8 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
  - 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph.
  - 12.000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

## **A Great Multitude from Every Nation**

<sup>9</sup> 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, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
- They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them,
  - nor any scorching heat.
- 17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## For young children:

Say: Here is another picture of worship before God on the throne and Jesus who holds the scrolls. Read verse 9-12.

Ask: Who is crying out in verse 10? Who is crying out in verse 12?

Why are they worshiping God?

Read verses 13 and 14.

Ask: Who are those in the white robes? What do you notice about those in the white robes? How many? What are they doing? Where are they coming from? Does it remind you of any other stories in the Bible?

Look up the definition of tribulation.

Ask: How have you experienced tribulation? What did you learn from it? Did it help you grow in your relationship with God and rely on him for strength?

Read verses 15-17

Ask: What do these verses promise the ones who trust in Jesus for salvation?

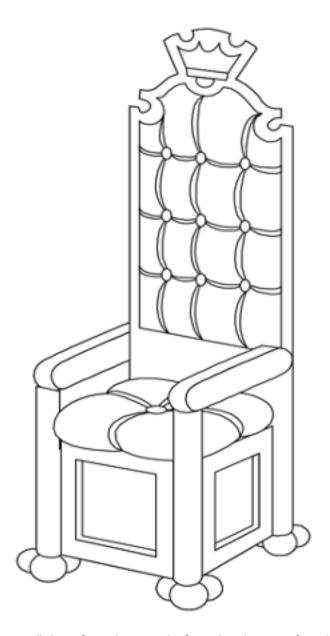
Pray together for the strength and endurance to remain faithful and trust in the power given to Christ Jesus to keep you for Himself and present us before God on the throne.

Here are 2 video links from www.kidsenjoyingjesus.com.

The first is an activity you can do at home to help you remember God is in control. The second video is a simple song to help you worship God through song. You can even add your own words.

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https://youtu.be/cFMI7eaFj\_Q



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