
REVELATION

GOD IS IN CONTROL OF ALL THINGS

FAMILY CONVERSATION GUIDE

THE THEME

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FEBRUARY MEMORY VERSE

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in...” **Revelation 3:20a NIV**

FEBRUARY CHALLENGE VERSE

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.” **Revelation 4:8b NIV**

FEBRUARY 18 - LIFE APPLICATION

Jesus wants His church & His people to have a peek into heaven!

NOTE TO PARENTS

Scripture: Revelation 4

In the **Book of Revelation**, John, the disciple loved by Jesus, is given words and visions of heaven and Jesus, and prophecies about the End of Times. Remind your family that **God has a plan**, is over all things, knows all things, and He is with us through all things. Please read the scripture and listen to the sermon, in person or online, before discussing with your family. If this guide is too much to cover in one sitting, break it up and talk through the questions throughout the week.

In this week's message we will look at **Revelation 4**. Jesus invites John into the **throne room of heaven!** Have you ever wondered what heaven is like? Paul said in **2 Corinthians** that words were inadequate to describe it. He didn't even try! Talking this over with your children will give them great hope for when they get to actually see heaven themselves!

DISCUSS:

1. **Ask your family: "Have you ever wondered what heaven is like?"** Let each person describe what they think it will be like in Heaven. Then say: "In **Revelation 4**, John actually gets to go to heaven! **Can you imagine how wonderful that must have been?**"
2. Read **verse 1. What did John see and hear?** (*He saw a door standing open in heaven, and he heard a voice like a trumpet, a loud voice, telling him to come up there to see what would take place after this – after all that had previously happened.*)
3. In **verse 2**, the Holy Spirit told John to come up to heaven, and when he went there he was "in the spirit." **What do you think that means?** (*He was not in his earthly body.*) **What did he see?** (*He saw a throne, and someone sitting on the throne who is Jesus. It was more wonderful than we can imagine, more splendid than words can explain. But John did his best, comparing what he saw to things on earth so that we could understand.*)

Read **verse 3** and **ask your family** to tell you what the One on the throne looked like. (*He had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and there was a rainbow around the throne with "the appearance of an emerald!"*)

4. Ask your family to listen to you read **verse 4 - who did John see surrounding the throne and what were they wearing?** (*24 elders dressed*

in white with crowns of gold. Some believe these represent the raptured churches.) Now, read **verse 5. What else did John see in the throne room of God?** (Lightning flashing and peals of thunder - showing the power of God as He readies himself to enter the world. Also, seven lampstands, representing the seven spirits of God.)

5. **In verse 5, what is in front of the throne?** (a sea of glass, clear as crystal.)

There are also four magnificent creatures. Read the description of them to your family in **verses 6-7. What animals were they compared to?** (A lion, an ox, a man, an eagle.)

6. **Now read verse 8 - what did they all have in common?** (These are the angels of the Lord. They all had six wings, and eyes all around, even under their wings! How amazing! Imagine all the sea creatures in the ocean we've never seen. It'll be like that. See **Ezekiel 1 and 10** for what Ezekiel saw in heaven about these angels/cherubim.)

What were they saying, day and night? ("Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.") This is our challenge verse for this month.

7. **How do the creatures (angels) and the 24 elders worship the Lord?** (The creatures give Him all glory, honor, and thanks forever and ever. The 24 elders fall down before Him, laying their crowns before Him.)

Together, praise God as the angels and elders did:

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created."

They called God "Holy, holy, holy." God is perfect in all things. Holy means different. God is totally different from us! He alone is the Almighty. He is eternal, He is above all of creation because He made all of creation! This is why we worship Him. This is why we thank Him. This is why we honor Him and give Him all glory! Amen.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

1. Give family members a piece of paper (art paper is best!) and something to draw or paint with. **Ask them to spend some time creating a picture of what they think Heaven will look like.** They could also write, if they'd

prefer. Then, have everyone share pictures or read what they have created. Hang the pictures/writings on a wall. You can even frame them with a border!

2. Look up pictures of some of the things that John used to describe what he saw: *jasper, carnelian, emeralds, lion, ox, man, eagle, lightning, rainbow*.

How amazing heaven must be!

3. Start a regular habit of listening to and singing worship music to the Lord together. It's something your children will always remember, and carry with them all their lives.

PRAYER

God, thank You for letting us know what heaven will be like. We worship You. We give You all praise and glory and honor. We thank You. We love You! In Jesus' Name, Amen.