# REVELATION GOD IS IN CONTROL OF ALL THINGS

FAMILY CONVERSATION GUIDE

## THE THEME

God is in control of all things.

## **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 25 - LIFE APPLICATION**

We worship Jesus because He is worthy.

## **NOTE TO PARENTS**

## **Scripture: Revelation 5**

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 5**. Jesus had invited John into the throne room of heaven. Review who and what John saw there (**Revelation 4**). In this week's teaching, John is still in the throne room of heaven. It's part 2 of what he saw in **Revelation 4**. Let's see what happened next!

#### **DISCUSS:**

- In Revelation 5, God the Father is seated on the throne. What did He have in His right hand? (He had a scroll sealed with seven seals.) Then, a mighty angel made a proclamation. (Read it out loud with a powerful voice.) "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"
- 2. Why did John start weeping loudly? (In the Greek language, the word means "uncontrollable sobbing." Have one of your kids show what that would look like.) Why was John weeping like this? (Read Revelation 5:4 no one no creature in heaven or in the earth or even under the earth was found worthy to open the scroll or look into it. John realized this meant that Satan would continue to rule over the earth, and people would continue to suffer.)
- 3. In verse 5, who spoke to John? (One of the 24 elders.) What did he say? (Read aloud: "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.") Who do you think he was talking about? (Discuss - who could that describe?) It's Jesus! He is worthy to open the scroll and make all pain cease on the earth.
- 4. Then, in verse 6, John sees a Lamb standing between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders. What did the Lamb look like? (He looked as though He had been slain but was standing, and He had seven horns all power and seven eyes all seeing. These are the seven

spirits – all present – sent out into all the earth.) What did the Lamb do? (He took the scroll - He was the only One who was worthy!) Why was He worthy? (He was "Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" - John 1:29.) Remember, in the Old Testament, people would go to the temple to offer their best lamb, unblemished and pure, to be sacrificed for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus is the perfect, unblemished Lamb who was sacrificed for us to take away all the sins of the world.

- 5. Next, the four cherubim and the 24 elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp in one hand and a golden bowl of incense in the other. The harp was used in the Old Testament to prophesy what was to come. NOW, all of the prophecies about the new heaven and the new earth will come to pass. What did the bowls of incense represent? (See verse 8 they represent the prayers of the saints all who had gone before them who have prayed through the ages.) Matthew 6:10: "Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." These prayers for all pain and crying and sorrow to stop on earth are about to be answered!
- 6. What did the four living creatures and the elders do next? Verse 9 they worshiped the Lamb, singing:

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,
10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

7. In verses 10-13, who joined them in worship? (Thousands upon thousands of angels joined them! Their praise became louder and louder together.)

What did they sing? Say together:

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

8. Finally, John heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

 And, in verse 13, what did the four living creatures say? ("Amen!") What did the 24 elders do? (Verse 14 - They fell down and worshiped the Lamb.) Can you imagine what it must have been like to be John, seeing and hearing these amazing things? (*Discuss together.*)

10. One day, people from every tribe and nation around the world will worship the living Jesus. All creation everywhere will worship Him! No racism! No division! Everyone loving one another!

### **FAMILY CHALLENGE**

Imagine yourself in the Throne Room of heaven, and everyone is worshiping Jesus. Play one of your favorite worship songs and worship Him together. **Ask: What would you want to give to Jesus?** Let's think about it for a day and come back together tomorrow to show what you would want to give to Jesus to thank Him for all He has done for us. It can be a picture, something you wrote, a favorite belonging, even your time. It's up to you! (The next day, we will meet together to share.)

#### PRAYER

Jesus, Thank You for coming to earth and giving Your life for us, to atone for our sins so that we can live with You forever in Your family. You alone are worthy to be praised. In Your Name we pray, Amen.