
REVELATION

GOD IS IN CONTROL OF ALL THINGS

FAMILY CONVERSATION GUIDE

THE THEME

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MARCH MEMORY VERSE

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

Colossians 4:2 NIV

MARCH CHALLENGE VERSE

“Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever.”

Hebrews 1:8 NIV

MARCH 30/31 - LIFE APPLICATION

Because of Jesus, we can have victory!

NOTE TO PARENTS

Scripture: Revelation 8:1-5

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.

Pray with your family, asking God to show us what He wants us to know. Even though bad things will happen in the world during the End Times, and we are able to know about them, we will not have to worry. God has a plan to take us to heaven to be with Him before all of this even happens! It is called the Rapture. Therefore, Christians and their believing kids should never have to worry. **Please emphasize God's great love for us. That's why Jesus came to the earth to save us!**

REVIEW

John was brought to the throne room of God, and he saw that God had a scroll in His hand. **What is the scroll?** (*It is the deed of ownership to the earth. It is closed with seven seals.*) **Who was the only one worthy to open the scroll?** (*Jesus, the Lamb of God, because He sacrificed His perfect, sinless life and died for our sins. He paid the price to own the scroll!*)

What were the seals?

- **The First Seal:** The **white** horse: *The Antichrist* who brings peace for 3 ½ years, but lies and tricks everyone. He demands he be worshiped as God, and God's Great Tribulation begins:
- **The Second Seal:** The bright **red** horse, who brings *war*
- **The Third Seal:** The **black** horse, who brings *famine* and scarcity of food
- **The Fourth Seal:** The **pale** horse, who brings *death*, and one-fourth of the world dies because of war, famine, and disease
- **The Fifth Seal:** The martyrs who came to faith during The Great Tribulation and died for their faith ask God for vengeance
- **The Sixth Seal:** A great earthquake, the sun turned black, the moon turned red, the stars fell to the earth, a strong wind, the heavens receded, every

mountain and island are moved from their place – all kinds of disasters in nature

- Then, **there is a pause** between the sixth and seventh seals. **What happened during this time?**
 - ◇ 144,000 Jews (12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel) are called to preach the gospel during the Great Tribulation. The greatest revival ever!
 - ◇ A great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language who came out of the Great Tribulation worshiping God together in heaven! **(Revelation 7:9)**

In this week's message we will look at **Revelation 8:1-5**, the **opening of the Seventh Seal**.

DISCUSS

1. Before reading **Revelation 8:1**, ask your family to listen for the answers to these questions:
 - **When the lamb opened the seventh seal, what happened in heaven?** (*There was silence.*)
 - **For how long was there silence in heaven?** (*For about half an hour.*) All of the angels, martyrs, and creatures were waiting. They knew something was getting ready to happen!
2. Read **verse 2** and ask the family to listen for the number seven. **Seven what?** Seven ____ and seven ____? (*angels and trumpets.*)
3. Now we will read **Revelation 8:3-4**.
 - **What did the angel who stood at the altar have with him?** (*A golden censer.*)
 - **What do you think a censer is?** (*A censer is a container - this one is gold - used for burning perfume or incense by the altar of God.*)
 - **Why was the angel given incense?** (*To offer with the prayers of all the saints.*)
 - **What happened next?** (*The smoke from the incense and the prayers rose before God from the hand of the angel symbolizing all the prayers of God's saints through the centuries asking for God's justice.*)

4. Before reading **Revelation 8:5**, tell your family to listen for the answers to these two questions:
 - **What did the angel do with the fire?** (*He took it and put it in the censer and threw it onto the earth.*)
 - **What happened next?** (*Thunder, rumbling, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.*)
5. **Can you name some things that are evil in the world?** (*Discuss: not loving God, not loving others, lying, stealing, slander, unkindness, greed, killing, war, coveting what others have, etc.*)

Yes! These evil things have been going on for thousands of years. **God sent Jesus to take all of these sins upon himself on the cross so Christians would never have to face his wrath.** Then those who love Jesus would have their hearts changed so we'd love God and love our neighbor, trying to rid the world of all its evil.

Since the time Jesus came, for over 2,000 years, many have come to faith in Jesus and have made the world a better place in which to live. But still, many evil things have continued to happen in the world. **Jesus promised that one day ALL evil would end.** It's called **the day of the Lord, the day of vengeance, the day of God's wrath**, etc. In **Revelation 8:1-5**, God continues this day of judgment, where he finally eliminates all evil and only good and love will survive. **This is the Seventh Seal Judgment.**

Main Point from our Pastor, David Chadwick:

Jesus's resurrection proves that God conquers all sin, death, and the devil. We believe in Him and we have this victory as well. The full expression of this victory over all evil is yet to come. But it will come. Revelation assures us of this reality. And we believe God's Word is true.

PRAYER

*Jesus, Thank You for coming to this world to show us how to love God and love each other. We know that You will come back one day, and there will no longer be evil in this world. **We know that through You, we will have victory!***

FAMILY CHALLENGE

1. Jesus came to earth to bring God's love and teach us to love others. At Easter, we celebrate what Jesus did for us - He died for us, and then He rose from the dead three days later, showing His victory over death! One day, he will

eliminate all evil. But until that day, he also wants us to fight the evil in the world and have victories for Him. Each one of us was put on this earth to make a difference. And God gave each one of us gifts to use to love God, love others, and fight evil in this world! We are not superheroes, but with God's help, we can do great things with these gifts! **Discuss the way God made each family member and the special gifts we have been given to serve Him!**

How can we do these things in Jesus's Name?

- How can we love God?
- How can we love others?
- How can we fight evil in the world?

Challenge your family to use their gifts wisely and with great courage and kindness!

2. Together, watch "Super Book - He is Risen!" on YouTube:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABF-jqfX6ek
3. For Little Kids, watch online The Bible App for Kids, "A Happy Sunday."