

Bible Story 360

The Throne Room of Heaven

Revelation 4:1-11

OPENING ACTIVITIES

- **Paint**

- Give the children large paper and watercolor paints. Encourage them to paint pictures of rainbows
- Talk about the beauty of a rainbow, and remind them of the covenant God made with Noah

WORSHIP

PRAYER

STORY

Revelation 4:1-11

- Share the passage using props and actions
 - 4:1 – Introduce the remainder of Revelation discussing the rapture and the final 7 years coming in the future
 - 4:2-3 – Show the children a crystal or a diamond with a light shining on it to produce rainbows
 - Discuss God's beauty and His sovereignty seated on His throne
 - 4:4 – Place a white robe and a gold crown on one child
 - Discuss the righteousness of Jesus covering the saints in heaven and the crowns they receive as rewards for their service to Him on earth
 - 4:5 – Show the children a picture of a menorah and play some thunder sound effects
 - Discuss the Holy Spirit in His fullness being present in heaven
 - 4:6a – Show the children something made of crystal and have them picture a sea that looks like crystal – think about all the beautiful colors that were described in verses 2 & 3 and how they would reflect off a crystal sea
 - Explain how the Bible is like a crystal sea for us as it shows us a reflection of who we are and who God is
 - 4:6b-8 – Show the children pictures of a lion, a calf, a man, and an eagle
 - Describe the cherubim as referred to here and in Ezekiel 1 & 10
 - Have children name characteristics of each of the 4 pictures and consider how these might describe the cherubim
 - Notice that these creatures with greater knowledge, understanding, and power than we have are spending all of their time praising God
 - 4:9-11 – Have the child wearing the robe and crown demonstrate the actions of the elders in these verses
 - We are earning crowns now as we do the things God calls us to do, and we will have the opportunity in heaven to set them before our Savior
 - Notice that the saints in heaven are also praising God
 - Conclude by encouraging the children to praise God who is seated on His throne

MEMORY VERSE

Revelation 4:11

“You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.”

- Practice verse by acting
 - Give each child a crown and seat them all in chairs placed in a circle
 - As they say the verse, have the children get down off their chairs, bow down with their heads near the ground, and set their crowns in front of them to resemble the scene of the 24 elders in heaven as they praise Jesus

ACTIVITIES

- Color
 - Color the picture with the memory verse on it
- Application
 - Tape a large paper rainbow onto the wall
 - Have each child think of one thing he knows about what God is like or what God has done (something they can praise God for)
 - Have the children take turns writing their praises on the rainbow (help those who can't write yet)
- Craft
 - Give each child a string for a bracelet
 - Thread multiple colored beads on the bracelet
 - Tell the children to use the bracelet to remember the rainbow around God's throne in heaven and to praise Him throughout the week

MATERIALS

- Coloring paper with memory verse on it (Print the coloring page from <http://www.calvaryknoxville.org/NTTableOfContents.pdf> and cut and paste the memory verse onto the bottom)
- Large white construction paper
- Paintbrushes
- Crystal or diamond
- Crown for each child
- Pictures of a menorah, a lion, a calf, a man, & an eagle
- Something made of crystal
- Large paper rainbow
- Bracelet string for each child
- Crayons
- Paints
- Water cups
- Flashlight
- White robe
- Thunder sounds
- Tape
- Marker
- Colored beads