

Family Worship Guide - Week 42

MEMORIZE

Revelation 19:7 – "Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His Bride has made herself ready..."

READ

Read Revelation 19.

In this chapter we see a very serious picture of who Jesus is. Throughout the Bible we learn and understand that God is good, merciful, and loving. His Son, Jesus, is the perfect embodiment of these attributes of God. However, we also learn throughout the Bible that God is holy, perfectly separate from sin and perfectly righteous. In order for Him to love what is good, He must hate evil. Jesus is the perfect embodiment of these attributes as well.

In this passage, we see the Lord Jesus bringing justice on all that is evil. This includes many people who have rejected Him and His ways. We see Jesus coming to judge and to bring an end to all evil, and many people suffer the punishment for their sins. This is a serious picture of Jesus, but it is an essential and true picture of Him. He is the defender of all that is right and the defeater of all that is evil. If we repent of our sin and cling to Him, He will be our King, and He will rescue us in the end.

Questions:

What does this passage teach us about God? What does this passage teach us about man? Are there any commands that we need to obey in this passage? Are there are any promises that we can hope in? What sticks out to you in this passage? What is your favorite part? What is your least favorite part? What part of God's Word brings the most joy to you?

Bottom Line: We have a King who is coming in glory to triumph over our enemies and bring us into His kingdom!

SING

This week our family worship song is 'How Great Thou Art'. As we draw towards the end of Revelation, may our hearts be encouraged by the blessed hope that our King Jesus will surely return for his Bride. Let's join the multitude of voices we see in this chapter and worship the Lamb, who is worthy of all glory! Let's praise him from the depths of our heart, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns! For we know that "When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, and then proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'"

Visit our website for a link to this song: www.brookhills.org/gathering/this week.html.

SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created by the age-group ministry leaders as a way to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God's word and worship him together.

Preschool

- Before you begin, make a batch of cupcakes and, if possible, decorate the room like a party.
- Read Revelation 19:7 to your child and explain what is happening in this passage.
- Have a small party with your preschooler or have your child talk about the best party they have ever attended. Then ask
 them to tell you what heaven is like. No one really knows exactly what heaven looks like. Heaven is God's kingdom. It
 will be better than any party we've ever attended. The best part is that we will be with God.
- God wants us to choose to follow Him and to love Him more than anything. He wants us to be in heaven with Him. That's why God sent His only son Jesus from heaven to earth to save us from our sins and bad choices. Jesus made a way for us to live with God forever in heaven.
- Let's pray and thank God for His kingdom.



Children

- Tell your child(ren) that you will perform a little drama with them. Divide up so that there is a king, an enemy, and one or more people to represent followers of the king.
- Have the followers of the king be in peril in the "dungeon" of the enemy, which can be a corner or in a fort type structure you build (table with a sheet over it). Tell the enemy to gloat over the followers and tell them how they will never see the king or be a part of the kingdom. Let the followers lament and yell for help from their king. Then whoever is playing the crowned king should arrive with sword in hand and battle the enemy with the swords, playing it up dramatically (without real violence). Once the enemy has been "slain", the king should go and break the followers out of the dungeon and embrace them, telling them that the enemy is dead. He should tell them that they will never be captives again and that they are joining the king to live with him in his castle forever.
- Ask the child(ren) if pretending the scene was fun. Tell them that even though it was not real, it was exciting to act it out with them. Remind them that if an imaginary scene of a king defeating an enemy and delivering people from the dungeon to a glorious kingdom can be exciting, then how much more wonderful it will be when Christ returns, defeats Satan, and takes his people to His heavenly kingdom. Take time to praise God that one day His glory will be known to all.

Students

- Begin by praying together as a family.
- Read Revelation 19.
- Discuss the "Read" section above and be sure to go through all of the questions.
- The marriage feast of the Lamb is a glorious occasion when Christ and His Bride will be united.
- Read Isaiah 25:6-8 where Isaiah prophesies about this feast.
 - According to this passage, what do we have to look forward to at this feast?
- Jesus told his disciples that they should be constantly looking forward to the satisfaction of this feast. Christians are often way too easily satisfied with the things of this world instead looking to the perfect satisfaction they have in Christ.
 - With what worldly things are you attempting to satisfy yourself?
 - O What promises of God can truly satisfy those desires you have?
 - How can you live your life looking forward to the ultimate fulfillment of those promises?
- The angel told John, "Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."
 - o If you are a Christian, you are blessed because one day you will enter into God's kingdom!
 - To whom have you extended this invitation? You have the way to spend eternity feast with the King of Kings. Why would you keep this to yourself?
- Who can you invite this week? Take some time to pray for that person and for the opportunity to share Christ with them.

