

POWER PLAY:

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TAKE AWAYS:



**HORSES AND TRUMPETS
AND DRAGONS, OH MY!**

a partner piece for the Grown-ups' series: Revelation



1. We can choose to be on : Team LOVE
2. Symbols don't have to be scary.

REVELATION 3:20

The Bible tells us Jesus presents people with an invitation. When we let Him in to be in charge in our lives, He will be with us closely, just like a friend, and show us His ways. Memorize this Bible verse to remember Jesus' invitation.

Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door,
I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.

Two tricks for helping to memorize verses are: 1. make a symbol, and 2. make an action. This verse is **perfect for both**. To make a symbol, draw a door on a piece of paper. Write the verse on the picture of the door. Now cut it out. Tape the door drawing on an actual door in your house. Every time you use that door, say the verse! For the action, stand on one side of a door and knock. Knock out a pattern to go with the words as you say them. Once you get the pattern down, you can even work with your whole family and knock out the pattern on the table top at dinner. In this way you'll be "sharing a meal" just like the verse says. If you do this for a week, you may be surprised at your memorization skills!



THE SEVEN GAME

John used a lot of symbols when he wrote this letter to the churches. One of the symbols he used was the number 7. Remember that God rested on the 7th day of creation? We sometimes call that the Sabbath, or Shabbat. Seven often represents completion or perfection.



Here's how to play the game of 7. Someone shouts out a category. The other players quickly shout out six items in that category. A final answer, the 7th answer, is then called out, and everyone has to agree that the seventh idea is the BEST answer. For example, the category "CANDY" may be called out. Family members may say: 1. skittles, 2. licorice, 3. milky way, 4. caramel, 5. peppermint, 6. gummy bears.... then the last item is called out: 7: CHOCOLATE! (and everyone agrees chocolate is the BEST). If two answers are called out as 7's the family votes to see which item is the BEST or the PERFECT answer for that category. Here are some ideas for categories. You can always make up more!

ANIMALS SUMMER SPORTS CARTOONS GAMES RESTAURANT OUTDOOR SPACE WINTER SPORTS TV SHOWS VEGETABLE

WATCH AND LEARN!

There is a group of people who have put together some pretty cool videos explaining things about the Bible, they call the group The Bible Project. They made 2 videos about the Book of Revelation. Each video is about 12 minutes long. Take some time as a family to watch these shows and then talk about what you learn. Here's a link to the videos:

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/revelation/>

A few ideas to chat about:

1. Who wrote the book and who did he write it for?
2. Why did the people at that time need to hear about Jesus as the lamb?
3. What do you look forward to in a new heaven and a new earth?





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MAKE A WOOLY LAMB

John uses the symbol of a Lamb to describe Jesus. The gentleness of a lamb represents Jesus' humility and gentleness as a Loving messiah. To help remember this, you can make a lamb.

MATERIALS:

paper plate
brown paper bag
cotton balls
glue, scissors, black marker



INSTRUCTIONS:

Cut the paper plate into an oval to make the shape of the lamb body. Use the brown paper bag to cut out a smaller oval for his face, and two even smaller ovals for his ears. Glue cotton balls on the paper plate, close together, and covering the entire body, all the way to the edges. Next place the face on the plate. Glue a few cotton balls on the top of his head. now add the ears at the top on both sides of his face. Draw on two eyes and a triangle nose.

REVELATION 5:13

"Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!"

When we recognize Jesus as the Lamb of God and give our lives to Him, we are choosing to be on Team LOVE. Jesus wants us to surrender to Him to lead us, instead of being led by the systems of the world that are self-centered and draw us away from knowing God. The systems of our world may seem to offer power in the form of armies and wealth, but, in the end, it is Jesus' system of love and peace that will rule in the New Heaven and the New Earth.

DRAGONS AND THRONES: sounds like a video game!

When you first read parts of the Book of Revelation, it may feel a little scary. The writer talks about DRAGONS, THRONES, FLAMES, SWORDS, LIONS, HORSES, POWERFUL TREES, BATTLES, AND CONQUERING CITIES!!!! It sounds like a setting for a video game. These ideas could be intimidating or even SCARY when we think about them being in our real life space! But, the author is using a style of writing to get the attention of the audience. He wants them to see the importance of his words and so he uses powerful and memorable symbols. The people who read his letter lived about 2000 years ago and they would have understood what he was talking about in each of the symbols. It's kinda cool to see that even today human beings use some of these same symbols to represent power, good, and the forces of evil.

When we think of video games and these kinds of symbols, we usually think about the most powerful looking characters as the winners. We think a Dragon would beat a Lamb, for example. But, in the world Jesus creates, the loving and humble are the real winners! Here is a link to a coloring sheet you can work on for fun as you think about some of the symbols in Revelation.

<http://www.revelationforkids.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Revelation-Doodles-Giveaway.pdf>



TABLE TALK:

- What might the Bible mean when it says Jesus stands at the door and knocks? What door is he talking about?
- What are some scary parts of the Book of Revelation? How can learning what the symbols mean make you less scared?
- How many churches did John write to? Why is that number important?
- What other items in Revelation are given in groups of seven?
- Have you ever heard a trumpet? Ever tried to play one? What does it sound like?
- How can a lamb be powerful? Jesus is called a lamb, why?
- When Jesus makes a new heaven and new earth, what are you looking forward to?
- In what ways does your life show that you follow Jesus on Team LOVE?
- Can you say Revelation 3:20 from memory?



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