December 9-15 Revelation 1-11

"GLORY, AND POWER, BE UNTO...THE LAMB FOR EVER"

- <u>Charades/Symbol Sketch-and-Guess</u> Cut apart the slips below and put in an upside-down pile. Family members take turns choosing a slip from the pile and either acting out or drawing the object while the family guesses what it is. When the family guesses correctly, read aloud the scriptures to learn the symbol's meaning. (*Idea in Family Study Fun section of The Ensign <u>https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2019/12/family-study-fun?lang=eng</u>)*
 - Study who/what each word is compared to in The Book of Revelation (dragon=Satan, lamb=Jesus Christ, candlesticks=branch of Christ's church, stars=Christ's servants or leaders, two-edged sword= the word of God, bride=Church of the Lamb). Since our kids are super young, we won't stress too much about completely understanding these symbols, but these are some simple points we'll probably make:
 - Satan is mean like a dragon
 - Jesus is kind and gentle like a lamb
 - Christ's church and leaders can bring the light of Christ to our lives
 - We should try to keep our lives clean and white like the bride's dress (through Christ's help)
 - The word of God is powerful like a sword and can free us from dangerous things
- 2. <u>Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God Puzzle (Jesus Descriptions from Revelation)</u> Cut apart the puzzle below and take turns choosing pieces. As each piece is chosen, read and discuss the description of Jesus on it.
- 3. <u>Jesus Christ is the only one worthy to be my Savior</u>- Read/discuss/summarize Revelation 5:12-13. Why should we give glory to the Lamb (Christ) forever? The manual suggests, "Summarize the vision described in Revelation 5:1-10, and invite the children to act out how John and others felt during different parts of the vision. For instance, they might pretend to cry when no one could open the book, or they might cheer when the Savior opened it." Explain that Jesus was the only one who could be our Savior.
 - Look at pictures and read <u>https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/friend/2013/03/why-is-jesus-christ-so-important-to-us?lang=eng</u>
 - Gospel Topics "Atonement of Jesus Christ" Read/summarize <u>https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/manual/gospel-topics/atonement-of-jesus-christ?lang=eng</u>
- 4. <u>I can invite Jesus Christ into my life</u> Show picture below of Jesus knocking on the door. Read/discuss/summarize Revelation 3:20. When you want to go hang out with your friends, can you just walk into their house without knocking? If a friend came to our house and knocked on the door, what would we need to do? (Open the door). Talk about how we knock on people's doors because we want to talk to/be with them, but someone has to open that door. Does Jesus want to be close to us/talk to us? Explain that He can't be close to us unless we open the door to our hearts. Could role-play one person knocking on a door while holding a picture of Christ while another person decides if they're going to open the door or not.
- 5. <u>Door Activity</u> Cut out the door/picture of Christ on the heart below. Glue the left edge of the door so it can be opened/shut. Cut out the scenario cards and take turns choosing one. If the card is something that represents opening the door to Christ, they can open the door flap. If you have a larger picture of Christ at your home that you want to use, you could also create a door by placing a piece of paper with a doorknob drawn on it over the picture and just lift the paper up to represent opening the door.
 - Share the following bit from "Opening the Door" by Bethany Bartholomew: After you've accepted the Savior's invitation and opened the door to let Him into your life, what happens?

Only blessings can come from opening the door of our hearts. As you let the Savior into your life, He will heal you, strengthen you, and build you up to be the divine child of God He sees in you. It all starts when you open the door.

Will We Listen for the Knock?

"With all the strength of my soul I testify that our Heavenly Father loves each one of us. ... His Son, our Savior and Redeemer, speaks to each of us today: 'Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him' (<u>Revelation 3:20</u>). "Will we listen for that knock? Will we hear that voice? Will we open that door to the Lord, that we may

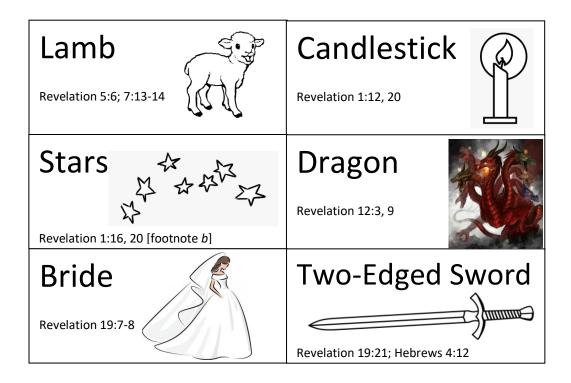
receive the help He is so ready to provide? I pray that we will." — <u>President Thomas S. Monson</u>

- > Discuss specific ways our family can open the door of our hearts to Christ better.
- <u>Christmas Countdown</u>: Print up this "10 Days of Christmas" countdown from *The Friend* to do (starting on December 15th) to help us keep our focus on Christ during the Christmas season https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/friend/2019/12/10-days-of-jesus?lang=eng.
- 6. <u>Jesus Christ helps me become clean from sin (Lego Activity)</u> Read/discuss/summarize Revelation 7:9, 13-14 and talk about how one of the blessings of opening the door for Christ into our hearts is that our sins can become clean through the Atonement of Jesus Christ.
 - Sing "When I Am Baptized." Remind them that Jesus helps us become clean when we are baptized. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=766HYE8agDk</u>
 - Use a washable marker to write words of different examples of sins or misdeeds on Lego pieces. Let the kids take turns choosing a Lego piece. Read the word, dip it into a bucket of water, and then point out how the word is gone. Compare this to how our mistakes can be taken away through Christ and His Atonement. Even after baptism, our sins can be washed away if we repent. (Idea from Cheryl Porter Stirling)
- <u>No-Bake Sheep Grahams</u> Why should glory and power be unto the Lamb (Christ) forever? Review what we know about Jesus Christ and why He's important to us while making these (using graham crackers, small marshmallows, frosting, candy melts, and candy eyes): <u>https://dancingthroughtherain.com/no-bake-sheepgrahams/</u>

Additional Ideas:

"Opening the Door" article:

https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/youth/article/print?lang=eng&url=/youth/article/opening-the-door Support Articles and Activities from *The Ensign*: <u>https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/ensign/2019/12/come-follow-me-new-testament-support-articles-and-activities/revelation-1-11?lang=eng</u> More Great Ideas: <u>https://www.theredcrystal.org/post/come-follow-me-dec-9-15-glory-and-power-be-unto-the-lamb-for-ever</u> <u>Charades/Symbol Sketch-and-Guess</u>: Cut apart the slips below and put in an upside-down pile. Family members take turns choosing a slip from the pile and either act out or draw the object while the family guesses what it is. When the family guesses correctly, read aloud the scriptures to learn the symbol's meaning.

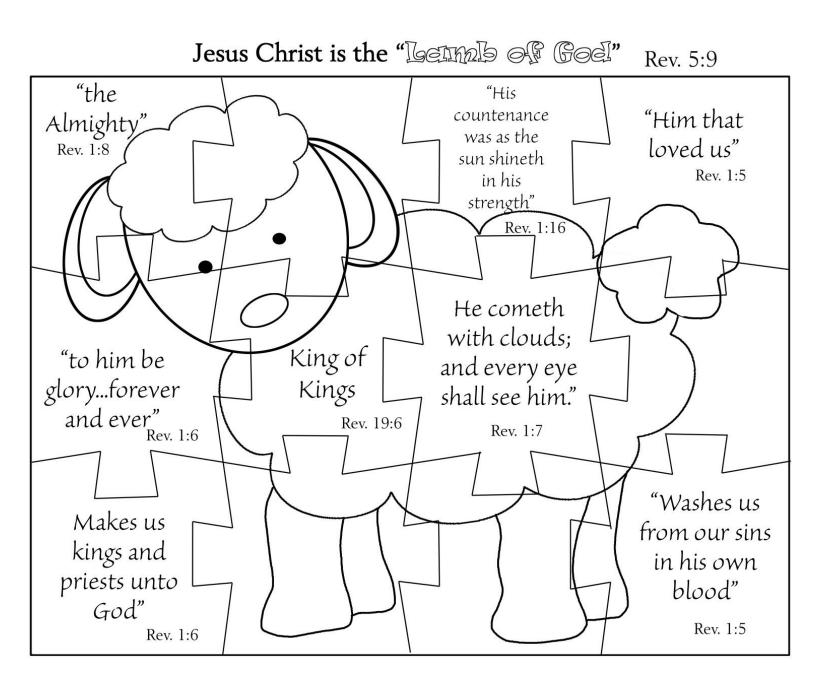


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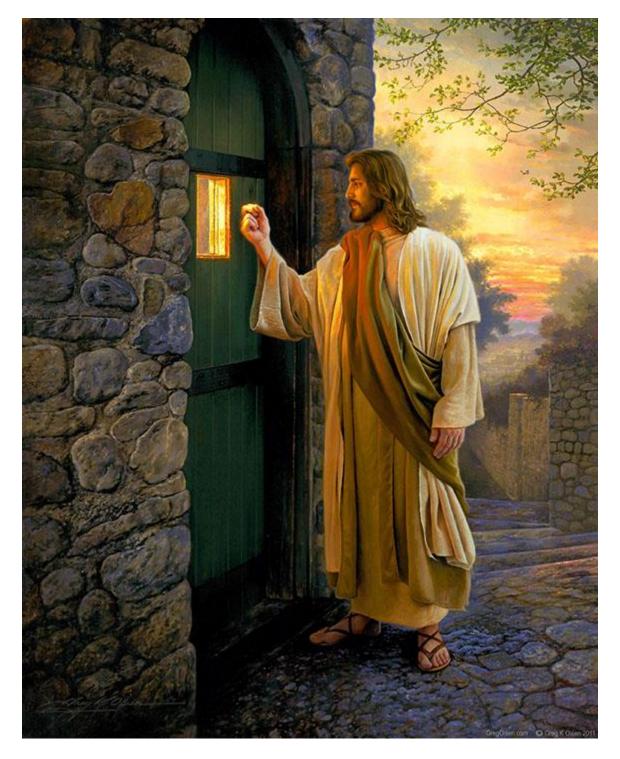
Discussion: Why is a lamb a frequent symbol of Christ? Why are symbols sometimes used in scripture?

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