



**Mustard Seed Sunday School Lesson for April 15, 2007  
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**"Praise God the Creator"**

**Lesson: Revelation 4:1-11.**

**Read: Revelation 4:1-11.**

**Devotional Reading: Psalm 111.**

**Background Scripture: Revelation 4.**

**Time: about A.D. 96**

**Place: from Patmos**

**GOLDEN TEXT: "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things" (Revelation 4:11).**

**PRINTED LESSON TEXT**

**Revelation 4**

1After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

2And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

3And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

4And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

5And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

6And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

7And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

8And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

9And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

10The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

### **TEACHER'S NOTES ON THE LESSON**

God deserves our worship because of who He is. He also deserves worship because of what He has done, and that is the emphasis of this week's Bible lesson.

God gave John the apostle a look into heaven and at what will take place in the future. John then wrote down "the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter" (Revelation 1:19), and we benefit today.

What John saw first was a wondrous Being seated on a throne and begin worshiped continuously. That Being was identified as the One who "was, and is, and is to come" (4:8) and the One who "created all things" (v. 11). Such a mighty, sovereign Being is worthy of nothing less than worship.

Primaries may not understand the term "worship," but they do understand what it means to say good things to God about what He is like and what He has done. Let us use this lesson help them see His worthiness.

### **THE OBJECT IN VIEW:**

Teach that God deserves praise and thanks and worship because He is the one who created all that is.

### **TRUTHS TO STRESS:**

1. God is the Creator of the physical world.
2. God is the Creator of people.
3. Those in heaven say good things about God, and it is right that we do that here too.

### **PLANNING VISUAL AIDS:**

For Telling the Lesson, take sheets of black and yellow construction paper and pictures of a seashore, trees, the sun, animals, and people. Bring a drawing of a green rainbow.

For Helping to Remember, use a marking pen to draw a moon on yellow paper and a sun on orange paper for each child. Each one will also need a sheet of light blue construction paper, and five silver gummed stars. Bring crayons, scissors (round edge for safety), and paste.

### **BEGINNING THE LESSON:**

Miss Bailey was looking at Sally's schoolwork. She said, "Sally, you did your work so carefully today. I will put a smiley face on your paper. You deserve it."

What did Miss Bailey mean when she said Sally "deserved" a smiley face?

The word "deserve" means it is right that something happens. Because Sally was a good worker, it was right for her to get something special. She deserved a smiley face. Miss Bailey could have said Sally was "worthy" of being given a smiley face because of the good work she did. The word "worthy" means the same thing.

The Bible says God is worthy of getting our thanks and praise. He deserves to hear us say good things about Him because of something He has done. What has God done?

**TELLING THE LESSON:**

Listen to what the Bible says. (*Read Revelation 4:11.*) Everything we see—the trees, the rivers, the mountains, the sky—was made by Him. He made the wood and the stone that people use to build their houses. Books, toys, clothes, chalkboards—when people make these things they just use things God has already made.

But long ago, nothing we can see today was here at all (Genesis 1). (*Show black paper.*) There was only darkness until God said, “Let the light come.” (*Show yellow paper.*) Having light was good.

God made the sky and the water and the dry land next, and that was good. (*Show seashore.*) He made the green growing things and the sun and the moon, and those were good. (*Show trees and then the sun.*) He made every kind of animal and bird there is. (*Show animals.*) Last of all He made the first people. (*Show people.*)

When the Lord looked around at all He had made, He said His work was very good.

One day, much later, the Lord did something special for His friend John. He let John see what was happening in heaven so that he could write about it in the Bible.

The first thing John saw in heaven was a king’s throne. Lightning was flashing out from the throne, and thunder rumbled. Over the throne was a green rainbow. (*Show rainbow.*) Someone beautiful and shining was sitting on the throne.

Around the throne, four special living creatures kept praising the Lord God, who was and is and always will be.

In front of the throne sat people wearing golden crowns on their heads. While John watched, they got up and bowed in front of the One sitting on the throne. They took off their gold crowns and put them down before Him, saying, “You are worthy, O Lord, for people to give You thanks. You deserve to have good things said about You, for it was You who made everything there is, just because You wanted to.”

Who was sitting on the throne? We know. It was the Lord God Himself. Everyone was thanking Him and saying good things about Him. He deserved having them do that because He made us all.

**TELLING HOW TO LIVE:**

The Lord deserves to hear you tell Him thank you. He deserves to hear you tell Him you are glad He is so great and good. That is something that would be good for you to do every day.

**HELPING TO REMEMBER:**

Let the children fold their blue papers in half to form a book. On the front they will print “Thank You for Making It All.” On the inside left bottom, have them color a dark blue strip for water. Then they should cut out the moon and glue it along with the stars. On the right they should color a strip of green grass and draw the first people, animals, and birds. Finally they should cut out and glue on the sun.

**EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT:**

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things" (Revelation 4:11).

When we say these words, we are telling the lord it is right to thank Him and to say good things about Him. He is the one who made everything. He is the one who made us. We praise God because He created *everything*. Hallelujah!

**MUSTARD SEED LESSON ACTIVITIES:**

THE THRONE ROOM OF HEAVEN  
(REVELATION 4:1-11)

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V K T V V J P Z W K A L E T T

CREATURES  
CROWNS  
ELDERS  
EMERALD  
GOD  
HEAVEN

JASPER  
JESUS  
LAMPS  
LIGHTNINGS  
RAINBOW  
SARDIUS

SPIRIT  
THRONE  
THUNDERINGS  
TWENTY FOUR  
WORSHIP

MEMORY VERSE:

**"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things" (Revelation 4:11).**

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

**1. "After this I looked, and, behold, a (DOOR, BOOK) was opened in heaven:"**  
REVELATION 4:1a

TRUE OR FALSE:

**2. Everything we see today—the trees, the rivers, the mountains, the sky—was all made by God. TRUE OR FALSE**

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

**3. "And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine (FISH, STONE): and there was a (RIVER, RAINBOW) round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald." REVELATION 4:3**

TRUE OR FALSE:

**4. Genesis 1:1–10 tells us that God made the sky and the water and the dry land *before* He made light. TRUE OR FALSE**

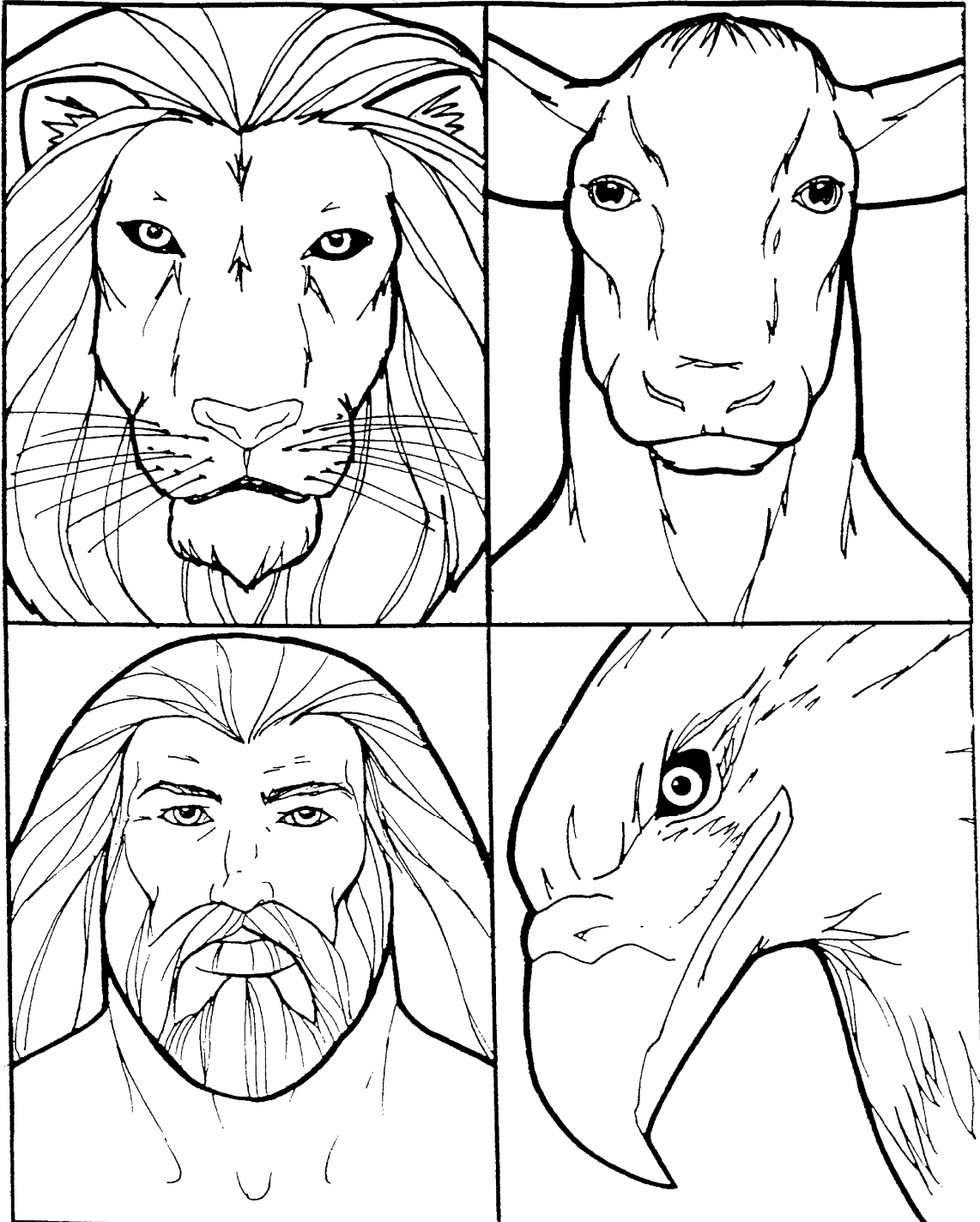
**5. The first thing John saw in heaven was a king's throne. TRUE OR FALSE**

**6. In front of the king's throne sat people wearing golden earrings in their ears. TRUE OR FALSE**

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD

**7. "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive (MONEY, GLORY) and honour and (POWER, FLOWERS): for thou hast (DESTROYED, CREATED) all things"**  
REVELATION 4:11

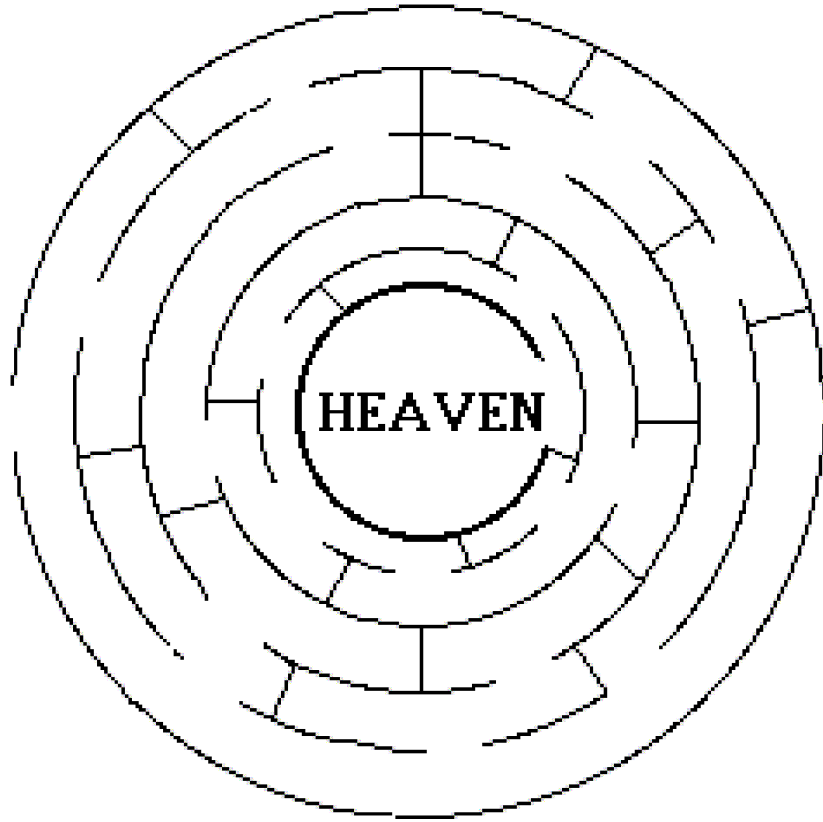
"PRAISE GOD THE CREATOR"



**"And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle" (REVELATION 4:7).**

**"(And when) those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever" (REVELATION 4:9).**

SHOW WITH YOUR PENCIL HOW TO GET TO HEAVEN.



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