



**Mustard Seed Sunday School Lesson Summary for May 6, 2007
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“Our God Reigns”

SCRIPTURE LESSON TEXT: Revelation 19:5-10

5 And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

GOLDEN TEXT (Memory Verse):

“...Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth...” (Revelation 19:6)

LESSON OBJECTIVE:

The lesson objective is to teach that a special time of celebration is coming in heaven, but that it is also appropriate to praise God now because of who He is and what He has done. The following teacher’s notes should help direct the lesson discussion for the children.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. God alone is worthy of praise and worship.
2. Praise focuses partly on God’s ability to do whatever He pleases to do.
3. Praise also emphasizes that God is in charge of all things.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS:

For Helping to Remember, provide for each student: ten 2-inch squares of different colored paper, a white paper plate, crayons, glue and other materials for decorating.

LESSON BACKGROUND:

The lessons this quarter are intended to give the children a glimpse of God's plan for His people both today and in the future. The book of Revelation was a letter written to encourage believers living at a time of severe persecution, to offer them (and us) hope and to remind them (and us) that God is all powerful and that He rules and controls everything.

Throughout the book of Revelation, John's theme seems to be that those who are faithful to God will be a part of God's eternal victory. This week's lesson describes a great multitude in heaven that John heard praising God and also the marriage ceremony of Christ and His bride, the church.

TEACHER'S NOTES / TELLING THE LESSON:

1. What was the multitude doing in John's vision? (Rev. 19:5, 6)

John heard a multitude in heaven praising God. Then, as if that was not enough, a voice from God's throne called all His servants everywhere, small and great, to join in. Obviously, all did, for John likened their response to rushing water and mighty thunder. The reason for their praise was because the all-powerful Lord God was ruling over all.

2. What do the following words mean: Alleluia? Omnipotent? (Rev. 19:6)

"Alleluia" is a praise word and means to praise the Lord. Omnipotent is a combination of "omni" which means all or everything there is and "potent" which means strong or able to do. So if somebody is omnipotent, he is all-powerful and strong enough to do anything. Our God reigns over all and will always be able to deliver us.

3. What is the marriage of the Lamb? (Rev. 19:7)

The marriage of the Lamb will be the formal "wedding ceremony" between the Lamb (Christ) and His bride (the church). The groom is the Lamb and the bride is all those who have submitted themselves to Christ's authority. The marriage that John describes will unite Christ, who sacrificed His life, with all those who accepted His sacrifice. The marriage signifies a union that will be eternal. Once we are with Jesus in heaven, it will be like a wedding - a celebration - because we will be with Him forever.

4. What does fine linen represent? (Rev. 19:8)

The bride's clothing shows that she is ready for the wedding. Fine linen is the clothing that Christ gives to His bride. Her clothing is clean and white and is provided to her by Christ because only His sacrifice enables her to wear the fine garment. The fine linen represents the righteousness of the saints, which comes from Christ on the basis of his sacrifice.

5. Who is invited to the marriage supper and why are they called "blessed"? (Rev. 19:9)

Those who are called to the marriage supper are those who accepted Christ as Lord. They are blessed because they have God's promise of eternal life if they remain faithful to Christ.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

You can celebrate now! When you look around you and see all the beautiful things that God has created, you can thank God and celebrate knowing that your heavenly Father made all things. When you have trouble, remember that our strong God is in charge of everything. He is all-powerful. Thank Him that He is strong enough to help you, for He is able to do anything that needs doing. He is omnipotent! Praise and celebrate God now because He reigns and because you will one day be part of a greater celebration in heaven!

If you know someone who has planned a special celebration, you know that much details and preparation goes into making it a very memorable and special day. For example, in planning for a wedding, the bride-to-be pays attention to every detail to make sure everything is in order. In much the same way, the church prepares itself for our soon coming Lord. We will one day be called to the marriage supper of the Lamb, be clothed in fine linen and united with the Lord for eternity. Until then, we continue with our preparations that we may be presented to Christ as "glorious," "holy" and "without blemish" (Ephesians 5:27).

EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT:

"...Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth..." (Revelation 19:6)

The three big words in this verse are good words to know. "Alleluia" is another way of saying, "Praise the Lord." "Omnipotent" means strong enough to do anything you want to do or all-powerful. "Reign" means to rule over many people, like a king. So the verse is saying, "Praise the Lord! He is the most powerful of all. He is King."

HELPING TO REMEMBER / LESSON ACTIVITIES:

(1) Direct the children to print "OMNIPOTENT" on their squares, one letter on each. Across the center of the paper plate they should print "THE LORD GOD IS" and then glue their squares in order along the rim. Decorate each plate using any available materials.
(2) Lesson activities (unscramble/fill-in-blank, crossword puzzle and word search) are included at the end of this lesson summary. An answer key is also provided for each of these activities.

PRAYER:

Father God, we praise and celebrate all that You have done. We thank You and praise You that You rule over everything and that You are in control. Thank You that, one day, we will live forever with You in heaven. Help us to stay faithful to You as we wait for that day, in Jesus' name, amen.

ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK'S LESSON:

Next week's lesson is "Our New Home" from Revelation 21:1-8.

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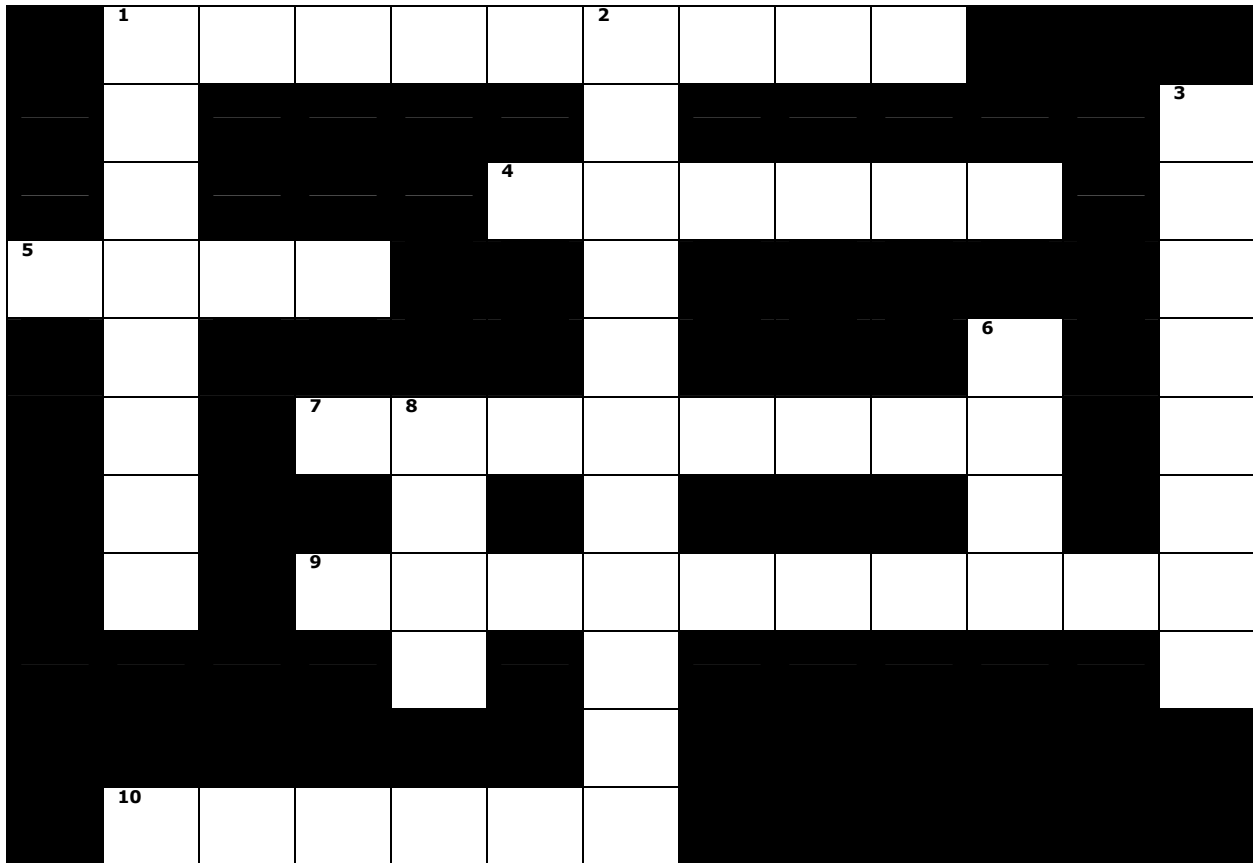
UNSCRAMBLE / FILL-IN-BLANK

(Our God Reigns, Revelation 19:5-10)

Unscramble the letters to correctly complete each statement.

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| HNRTOE | 1 | John heard a voice that came out of the _____ (v. 5). |
| TUEILUTMD | 2 | The voice was of a great _____ (v. 6). |
| ESATRW | 3 | The voice sounded like many _____ (v. 6). |
| JIEOCER | 4 | Let us be glad and _____ (v. 7). |
| RIAMEGRA | 5 | They were rejoicing for the _____ of the Lamb had come (v. 7). |
| IENF ENINL | 6 | The bride was arrayed in _____ _____ (2 words, v. 8). |
| HEWIT | 7 | The fine linen for the bride is described as clean and _____ (v. 8). |
| IESERSOTGSUHN | 8 | Fine linen represents the _____ of saints (v. 8). |
| SELESBD | 9 | _____ are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb (v. 9). |
| CPOEYPRH | 10 | The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of _____ (v. 10). |

CROSSWORD PUZZLE
(Our God Reigns, Revelation 19:5-10)



ACROSS

- 1 - "And I heard as it were the voice of a great ____." Revelation 19:6
- 4 - "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage ____ of the Lamb." Revelation 19:9
- 5 - "These are the ____ sayings of God." Revelation 19:9
- 7 - "_____: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." Revelation 19:6
- 9 - This word means "strong enough to do anything you want to do" or "all powerful". Rev. 19:6
- 10 - "Fine linen is the righteousness of ____." Revelation 19:8

DOWN

- 2 - The voice John heard was like "mighty ____." Revelation 19:6
- 3 - "Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent ____." Revelation 19:6
- 6 - The Lamb's wife "hath ____ herself ready." Revelation 19:7
- 8 - "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the ____." Revelation 19:9

WORD SEARCH

(Our God Reigns, Revelation 19:5-10)

Find each of the following words.

MULTITUDE
OMNIPOTENT
MARRIAGE
LAMB

LINEN
THUNDERINGS
WORSHIP
SERVANTS

SAINTS
RIGHTEOUSNESS
PRAISE
ALLELUIA

REJOICE
VOICE
REIGN
THRONE

R T L E I T H U N D E R I N G S E I N P E E S
I A A L R T T R T R E S O H E N O R H T U R L
G S T N A V R E S G O N S U N N I E I R H R S
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S S U E E G R U S I H I A J U I I S A O I L A
S V E E J I S S T V B I P S O N N S N S E N C

Answers to Word Search (Our God Reigns, Revelation 19:5-10):

R T H U N D E R I N G S
 I E E N O R H T
 G S T N A V R E S G
 H A V L
 T I O O B R I
 E R M I M E N
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Answers to Lesson Activity (Our God Reigns, Revelation 19:5-10):

- 1 - throne
- 2 - multitude
- 3 - waters
- 4 - rejoice
- 5 - marriage
- 6 - fine linen
- 7 - white
- 8 - righteousness
- 9 - Blessed
- 10 - prophecy

Answers to Crossword Puzzle (Our God Reigns, Revelation 19:5-10):

