

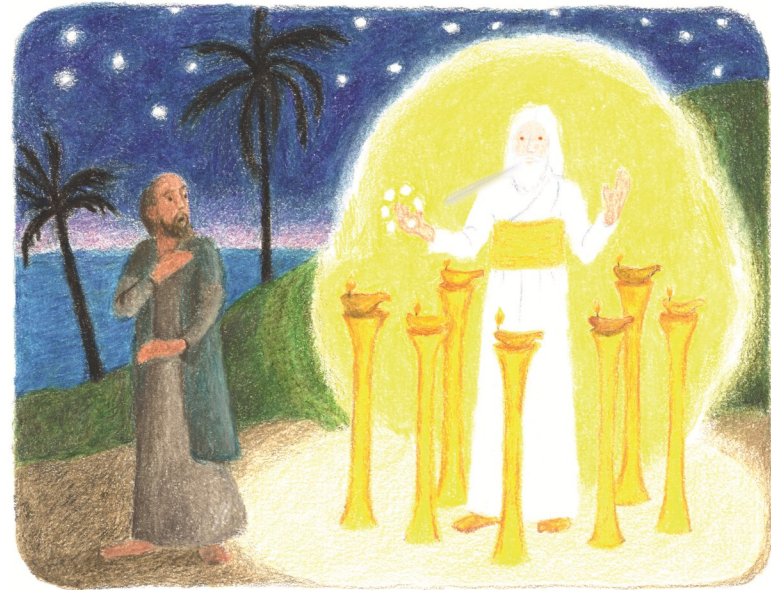
# 50. John's Vision on the Isle of Patmos

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## Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a) John was on an island when the Lord appeared to him and opened his spiritual eyes. Make sure children know that John saw these things with his spiritual eyes. You can remind them that others—like Elijah who went up to heaven in a fiery chariot, or Gideon who saw an angel—saw with their spiritual eyes.
- b) The picture is dramatic, so focus children's attention on each part of it. "The Son of Man" is our Lord God Jesus Christ. "I Am He who lives and was dead, Look, I am alive forevermore."
- c) Of course, the book that John wrote is the book of Revelation. It might seem like coincidence, but the book of Revelation was the very first one to be recognized as Divinely inspired in the New Testament. Before any of the gospels, someone referred to it as Scripture.



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## The Lord Tells John to Write a Book

I, John, was on the island that is called Patmos.

I was in the spirit on the Lord's day. I heard behind me a great voice like a trumpet, saying, "I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. What you see write in a book and send it to the seven churches."

And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. I saw seven golden lampstands. In the middle of the seven lampstands was the Son of Man clothed with a garment down to His feet and bound about His chest with a golden girdle. His head and His hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were like fine bronze, as if they were fired in a furnace. His voice was like the sound of many waters. And He had in His right hand seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as if I were dead. He laid His right hand upon me saying, "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives and was dead. Look, I am alive forevermore. Amen.

"Write down the things which you have seen. The mystery of the seven stars which you see in My right hand are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven candlesticks which you see are the seven churches."

Revelation 1

