

Oak Arbor New Church Sunday School: Lessons for Preschool – Kindergarten

Lesson 2.29: THE OPENING OF THE SEVEN SEALS — Rev. 5, 6, and 8: 1-6

TEACHER PREPARATION

Read over Revelation 5, 6, and 8:1-6.

WORSHIP CIRCLE

STORY AND DISCUSSION

The disciple named John, who had followed the Lord when He was on earth, was once on an island called Patmos. While John was on this island, the Lord showed him many amazing visions from heaven and the rest of the spiritual world. Here is one of the visions that John saw.

John saw a beautiful room in heaven. Now, in this room there was a scroll. A scroll is what people long ago used for a book. It was a piece of paper with writing on it all rolled up. (Show an example of a scroll.) This special scroll in heaven was rolled up and held tightly closed with seven seals, which were things to hold it closed, kind of like tape or stickers.

You see, things had gotten very mixed up in the spiritual world. Some bad people were pretending to be good, and were trying to tell bad things to the good people. The scroll would tell who were good, and should come into heaven, and who were bad, and wanted to live in hell.

A strong angel appeared and asked “Who can loosen these seals and open the scroll?” But no person on earth and no angel in heaven could open it. The disciple John was very sad and cried because no one could open the scroll and read what it said. How could they find out who was bad and who was good if no one could open the scroll?

But then, suddenly, the Lord appeared, looking like a Lamb! He came and took the scroll. The angels that were all around worshipped the Lord, and happily said, “You are the One Who can open the scroll!” Then thousands more angels rejoiced, and happily worshipped the Lord.

Now the Lamb, who was the Lord, got ready to loosen the seven seals on the scroll. Every time He would loosen one of the seals, something would appear! If it was something good, it was a vision about some good people who wanted to live in heaven. If it was something bad, it was a vision about some bad people who wanted to live in hell. The Lord was showing how He would sort thing out in the spiritual world, so they wouldn't be all mixed up.

(Show the page with the seven colored pictures.)

When the Lamb opened the first seal, there appeared a white horse, with a good man riding on it. The rider had a bow, and he was given a crown. Then he rode off to fight against evil.

When the Lamb opened the second seal, there appeared a fiery red horse, with a bad rider. He was given a sword, and he rode off to take peace away from people, so they would fight together.

When the Lamb opened the third seal, there appeared a black horse with a bad rider. The rider was holding a pair of scales, which were used to measure things.

When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, there appeared a pale horse with a bad rider. The rider's name was Death, and many evil spirits followed him.

When the Lamb opened the fifth seal, John saw an altar, and under the altar were some good people. These people were very sad because there were so many evil people around. They cried out "How long, O Lord, until these evil people will go into hell where they belong?" Then special white robes were given to them, and they were told that it would just be a little while longer. The Lord would keep them safe under the altar.

When the Lamb opened the sixth seal, there was a great earthquake. The sun became black, and the moon became red, and the stars fell down from the sky. Mountains and islands were moved out of their places, and the evil people ran to hide in the caves and the rocks of the mountains.

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there appeared seven angels with seven trumpets. These angels wanted to help the Lord show which people were really evil in their hearts and send them away from the good people.

So the Lord had started to show which people in the spiritual world were evil, and which were good. He could send the evil people away from the good people, and keep the good people safe and happy forever in heaven.

RECITATION

Now we will say something from this story in the Lord's Word. I will say a part, and you repeat it after me.

Then I saw a strong angel
proclaiming with a loud voice,
"Who is worthy
to open the scroll
and to loose its seals?"

PROJECT

Ahead of time:

1. Photocopy the page with the seven pictures for each child. You may want to color it, so that the pictures are the right colors.
2. For each child, fold a piece of construction paper in half the long and narrow way. Cut along the fold line.
3. Now you have two long, narrow pieces of construction paper. Put them next to each other, touching end to end, to form a long strip. Tape the touching ends together.
4. Now you have one long strip. At each end, glue a popsicle stick.

5. Buy some rectangular stickers (1" x 2 3/4") and cut them in half lengthwise to be the seals. Make sure there are seven for each child.

DOING THE PROJECT:

1. Have the children cut out the seven pictures and glue them in the correct order along the long narrow strip of construction paper. (Pictures should go side by side, not one atop another.)*
2. Then have them roll the strip into a scroll by first starting at one end and rolling it to the middle, and then starting at the other end and rolling it to the middle.
3. Help them get the two rolled ends to touch in the middle. Have them hold onto the scroll to keep it closed.
4. While they hold it, go around and put one of the long thin pieces of sticker across the middle of each scroll. This will hold it closed.
5. Now give them each six more sticker strips, and tell them to put them on the scroll so that it will be "sealed with seven seals".
6. Tell them that when they show this to Mom and Dad they can explain about how the Lord could open the seven seals. Then they can open their scroll and show all of the things that happened when the Lord opened the seals.

* If you didn't color the pictures ahead of time, the children may do it. You might want to remind them what color the different horses were, and the moon. (This can all depend on how much time you have.)

