

# Let the Bible Be Weird Week 3 Youth Group Guide

## Let Revelation Be Weird

Revelation 5:1-14

### Leader Setup

This guide is designed to help students read Revelation without immediately panicking, avoiding it, or turning it into a code to crack. The goal is not to answer every question they have about Revelation. The goal is to help them slow down, look at the main thing that is clear, and see Jesus as the worthy Lamb.

This week's Bible-reading question is:

### What is the main thing that is clear?

Helpful follow-up prompts:

- "Where do you see that in the text?"
- "What do you think this image is showing us?"
- "What is clear before we get stuck on what is confusing?"
- "How does this show us what Jesus is like?"
- "What does this passage call us to do?"

## Part 1: Be Honest About Revelation

1. When you hear the word "Revelation," what comes to mind first?
2. Do you usually think of Revelation as encouraging, confusing, scary, weird, interesting, or something else?
3. Why do you think people sometimes turn Revelation into charts, predictions, arguments, or conspiracy theories?
4. What can go wrong if we start with the strangest details before asking what the passage is clearly showing us?
5. This week's question is: **What is the main thing that is clear?** Why might that be helpful when reading a weird passage?

## Part 2: The Throne and the Scroll

### Read Revelation 5:1-4

6. What does John see in the right hand of the One sitting on the throne?
7. What question does the mighty angel ask?
8. Why is “Who is worthy?” different from asking “Who is strong enough?” or “Who is smart enough?”
9. What happens when no one is found worthy to open the scroll?
10. Why do you think John cries?
11. Before we try to explain every detail, what is clearly happening in this scene?
12. What does this scene show us about the world needing someone who is truly worthy?

Leader Note:

Help students see that John is not crying because he cannot solve a puzzle. He is crying because the world needs someone worthy to bring God’s purposes to completion.

## Part 3: The Lion and the Lamb

### Read Revelation 5:5-7

13. What names or titles are used for Jesus in verse 5?
14. What kind of image comes to mind when you hear “Lion”?
15. What does John hear about the Lion?
16. What does John see when he looks?
17. Why is it surprising that John hears about a Lion but sees a Lamb?
18. What does it mean that the Lamb is “standing, as though it had been slain”?
19. How does this image show both suffering and victory?
20. What does this tell us about how Jesus wins?

Leader Note:

This is the center of the passage. Do not let the group rush past it. Revelation does not just tell us Jesus wins. It shows us what His victory looks like: the Lion conquers as the slain Lamb.

## Part 4: Weird Symbols That Show Something True

### Read Revelation 5:6-10

21. What strange details are used to describe the Lamb in verse 6?
22. Why would it be weird if we pictured the Lamb too literally?
23. If horns often symbolize power, seven means fullness, and eyes suggest seeing or knowing, what is this image showing us about Jesus?
24. Why does “symbolic” not mean “fake” or “less true”?
25. What does the Lamb do in verse 7?
26. What are the golden bowls of incense in verse 8?
27. What does that image show us about the prayers of God’s people?
28. According to verses 9–10, why is the Lamb worthy?
29. Who has Jesus ransomed people from?
30. What does it show us that Jesus redeems people from every tribe, language, people, and nation?

Leader Note:

Students may get stuck on the seven horns and seven eyes. Keep bringing them back to the main thing that is clear: the slain Lamb is not weak. Jesus has complete power, complete sight, and complete authority.

## **Part 5: Worship and Allegiance**

### **Read Revelation 5:11-14**

31. Who joins in worship by the end of the passage?
32. What words are used to describe what the Lamb is worthy to receive?
33. Why is worship more than just singing songs?
34. What does it mean to say worship is about allegiance?
35. What are some things people your age are tempted to give too much trust, attention, loyalty, or identity to?
36. What does it mean to say, “The Lamb is worthy,” with your actual life?

## **Part 6: Bringing It Together**

37. What is the main thing that is clear in Revelation 5?
38. How does this passage change the way we think about power or winning?
39. Where do you find it hard to follow the way of the Lamb instead of the way of control, popularity, revenge, or getting your own way?
40. What is one specific way you can follow the Lamb this week?

## **Closing Prayer Prompt**

Pray that students would:

- see Jesus clearly as the worthy Lamb
- trust God's throne more than the chaos around them
- let the Lamb define power and victory
- resist false allegiances
- follow Jesus faithfully this week

Possible closing prayer:

Jesus, You are the worthy Lamb. Help us see You clearly. Teach us to trust Your way of victory, not the world's way of power. Show us what competes for our allegiance, and help us follow You faithfully. Amen.

## Leader Tip

Revelation can either make students curious or shut them down because it feels too strange. Keep reminding them:

“We do not have to understand every detail immediately to see the main thing clearly.”

In Revelation 5, the main thing is clear:

**The Lamb is worthy.**