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Lion of the Tribe of Judah

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Scripture

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.” Revelation 5:1-5

Devotion

Have you ever been playing outside on a hot summer's day? If so, I bet you have gotten thirsty while playing. Perhaps you became so thirsty, that you reached into the frosty refrigerator and grabbed a nice, cold bottled water. But, something happens: you can't get the top off! As much as you twist and turn, it just won't budge. So, what do you do? You bring it to your dad and he opens the bottle. You then sit down, wipe the sweat off of your forehead, and enjoy the thirst-quenching sip of water.

In the scripture we read about a scroll that is bound by seven seals. In literature, this story is called an allegory. The scroll represents eternal life and the seals represent sin. Our sin prohibits us from having eternal life. Much to our frustration, nobody can break the seals—not you, not me, not your mom, not your dad, not even our preachers. Only one person can break the seals—Jesus. Like a lion protecting his pride, Jesus shields us from the consequences of our sin. By taking on our sin Jesus gives us eternal life. And by trusting Jesus, we begin drinking from a source that will always quench our thirst: JESUS, the LIVING WATER!



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Questions

3-5-yr-olds

Do you ever jump in your parents' bed during a thunderstorm? Does it make you feel safe? Do you love to have them put their arms around you and hold you close?

1st-3rd graders

Have you ever done something wrong? Have you ever mistreated your mom, your dad, your brother, your sister, your friends? Did you feel bad? Were you remorseful? When you asked for their forgiveness, and they said yes, how did it make you feel?

4th-6th graders

Can you imagine somebody else being punished for your wrongdoings? Would you feel bad or sad for that person? Well, that is exactly what Jesus did. Jesus took on your sin and suffered the punishment. Jesus sacrificed himself to save you. Do you feel that love when you pray to God? Have you sincerely repented of your sins, knowing the sacrifice Jesus made for you? You can do all of that and more by trusting in Jesus.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for Jesus. Thank you for his willingness to take on our sin. Never let us forget that act of protection and grace. Please let us live with that on our hearts, minds, and tongues every day.

