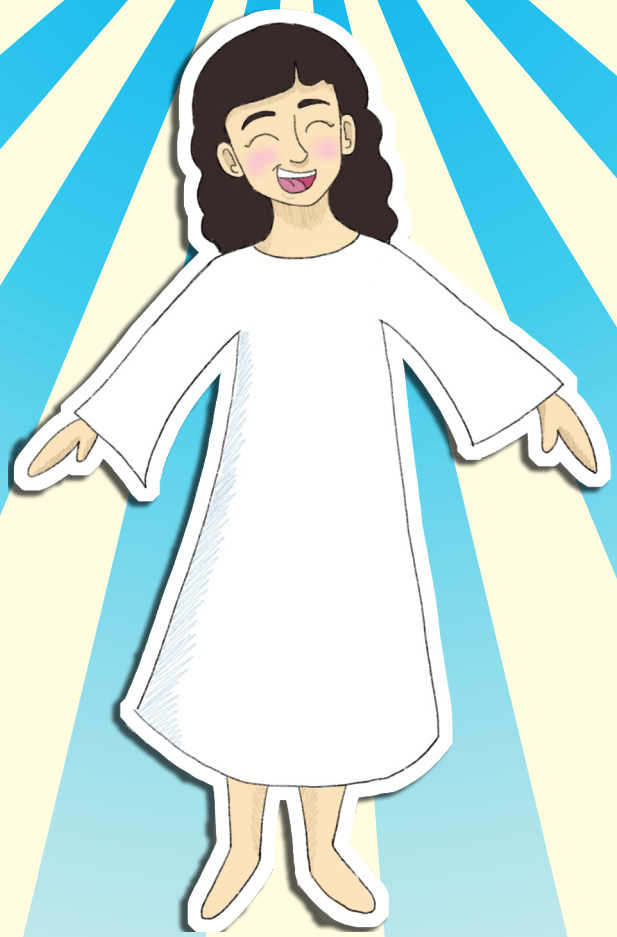

CHAPTER 12

WORTHY IS THE LAMB

LESSON 116 → Revelation 5:1-14; John 1:29

Only One was worthy to open the scroll with the seven seals.

KEY VERSE

JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ME.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power. — Revelation 4:11

For a moment, there was an awesome silence. The final Judgment was over—those whose names were not written in the Book of Life had been cast into the lake of fire.

The vast throng, gathered in adoration around the Great White Throne, burst into a chorus of such unity, such harmony as was never heard on earth. Logan's heart welled up with unspeakable joy as he heard the words which seemed to be the theme of Heaven—"Worthy is the Lamb!"

As the chorus of voices rose, swelled, and filled the vast reaches of Heaven itself, Logan thought, Was it moments ago or an eternity past when I first heard those glorious words ringing out?

It had happened just following the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. The awe and wonderment of having Jesus himself serve him was still wrapping him in a glow. When Logan had joined the others in gathering around the Throne there in the middle of Heaven, a hush had fallen over them, almost a somber silence, as if any movement or sound would be an intrusion on a moment of sacred importance. Then, echoing through the portals of Glory, had rung the words of the angel, "Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?"

Suddenly a flood of glory had filled the place, and the whole area about the Throne was ablaze with golden light. Moving in its radiance were beings with harps in their hands, and vials. While Logan had watched, they fell on their faces before the Throne. And as He, before whom all Heaven bowed in adoration, stood with uplifted face, those beautiful words had rung out:

"Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood . . ."

As those voices had died away, the voices of an angel choir had burst forth into triumphant praise. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing." Angelic forms, dressed in garments of flowing white, had circled the glorious Being on the Throne.

Just as he had at that earlier occasion, Logan once again felt himself sinking to his knees, his head bowed in worship. Instantly, the words he heard became imprinted on his heart in a way he had never felt them before, their eternal truth became a part of him. This was Jesus, the very God of earth and Heaven. The radiance and glory that surrounded Him was far beyond the splendor of the sun at noon, and yet this was the One who had come to earth in the form of a man. Not as a king, but just as an innocent baby, known on earth as the son of a carpenter. This was the One who had been nailed to a Cross—Oh! the anguish of it!—for Logan's sin. This was the One who had given His own life, so that today Logan could be in Heaven.

What could he say? How could he ever begin to express the gratitude, the adoration that was in his heart? All at once, he knew with perfect clarity that all of those joined with him around the Throne at that moment were experiencing this same burning need to pour out their hearts before the One who stood in divine radiance before them.

My Lord and my God! his heart cried out. What love has done for me! An eternity of thanksgiving and praise could never repay it. Then he heard his own voice joining with the vast multitude around him, "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." From a full heart, those words gushed forth like water upon the parched ground, and Logan knew their meaning in a way he had never known them before.

"Worthy is the Lamb!"

WORTHY IS...

Complete the Acrostic below by using the names for Jesus mentioned in the listed verses.

Job 19:25
Isaiah 55:4
Matthew 2:2
Matthew 9:15
Matthew 12:38
John 3:2
Acts 3:15
Acts 13:23
2 Corinthians 1:14
Revelation 1:8

