## Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why was John on an island? Why do you think God gave him a vision?
- •What did John see in his vision?
- •Where is Jesus today?

## John's Vision of Jesus

Revelation 1:9-20

## MAIN POINT: JESUS APPEARED TO JOHN IN A VISION TO TELL ABOUT THE END OF TIME.

The apostle John faced suffering and persecution for telling people about Jesus. The Roman emperor punished John by sending him to an island called Patmos.

While John was on the island, he had a vision. John heard a loud voice like a trumpet. The voice said, "Write on a scroll what you see. Then send the message to the seven churches."

John turned around to see whose voice he heard. He saw seven gold lampstands, and he saw Jesus. Jesus was wearing a long robe with a gold sash wrapped around His chest.

When John saw Jesus, he fell at Jesus' feet. Jesus put His hand on John and commanded him, "Do not be afraid! I am the First and the Last, and the Living One. I was dead, but look—I am alive forever and ever."

Jesus told John to write about everything he had seen.

Christ Connection: Jesus showed Himself to John and explained that He is the First and the Last, the Living One. While Jesus was on earth, He defeated sin and death by dying on the cross and coming back to life. Now Jesus is lifted up in glory and honor forever and ever.

