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

- What does it mean that Jesus is "the First and the Last"?
- Where is Jesus now?
- Why do you think Jesus told John about the end of this age?

FOLD

John's Vision of Jesus
Revelation 1

STORY POINT: JESUS APPEARED TO JOHN IN A VISION.

Like many believers, 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. The voice said, "Write on a scroll what you see. Then send the message to the seven churches in Asia: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."

John turned around to see whose voice he heard. He saw seven golden lampstands, and he saw Jesus—the Son of Man.

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 explained that the seven lampstands were the seven churches. He 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.

Clear Vision

Color each letter with a different color (all *A*s blue, for example) to discover who John saw in a vision.

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First and Last | Use the chart to fill in the blanks. (1 = first letter of funny, 2 = last letter of taxi)

The ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ and the ___ ___ ___ ___ ,
    1   2   3   4   5   6   7   4   5

the ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
    6   2   8   2   9   10   11   9   12

First Letter	Last Letter
1: funny	2: taxi
3: revolution	4: address
5: trail	6: helpful
7: adapt	8: improv
9: nectarine	10: giving
11: opal	12: achieve