

Zechariah the Prophet- May Wk 4- Elementary

Bible Passage:

Zechariah

STORY POINT:

Zechariah said the Messiah is coming.

Key Passage:

Jeremiah 29:11- For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Big Picture Question:

How is Jesus the perfect Prophet? Jesus perfectly reveals God the Father and fulfills what the prophets spoke.

Watch the Bible story video “Zechariah the Prophet” posted May 24th on

www.theparksa.org/family-lessons/

Family Discussion Questions:

- What did a prophet do? (*shared God’s message with the people*)
- What did God tell Zechariah to collect from the people? (*silver and gold to make a crown for Joshua, Zech. 6:9*)
- What was the special message of hope to God’s people? (**Zechariah said the Messiah is coming, Zech. 9:9**)
- Why do you think God spoke this message of hope through Zechariah? *Guide the kids to see that God cares for us. The Israelites were struggling in rebuilding the temple and finding their identity as a people. God reminded them that they are His chosen people.*
- How can we be encouraged to obey God even when life is difficult? *Help the kids understand that God has given us hope for a future eternity with Him, but we also get to be part of His kingdom here on this earth. Our obedience flows out of our love for Him and for what He has done for us.*
- How do we know Jesus is the Messiah? *Guide kids to understand that Jesus claimed to be the Messiah, and God showed other people that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus perfectly fulfilled Old Testament prophecies, such as those found in today’s story, and did miracles to prove His identity as God’s Son. Jesus perfectly obeyed all the law, showing us exactly who God is.*
- Say •Zechariah had a message of hope for God’s people. God had not forgotten His people. He would punish their enemies and keep His promises. **Zechariah said the Messiah is coming.** The people would be united with God and He would never forsake them.

Family Activities:

Option 1: Categories game

Form small groups of kids and give each group a piece of paper and a pen. Invite kids to play a category game. Call out a category (food, animals, states, and so on). Challenge kids to list as many items from the category as they can in 30 seconds. Play several rounds. The final category should be “things that will happen in the future.”

Say • Which category was hardest? Do you know what will happen in the future? We can't predict the future with certainty, but God gave the prophet Zechariah eight visions to explain what would happen in Israel's future.

Option 2: Roller races

Use a piece of cardboard or wood to form a ramp from the table to the floor. Provide a variety of objects for the kids to try rolling down the ramp. Let the kids make predictions about which items will get to the bottom of the ramp the fastest.

Say • Some of these items rolled much slower than others. Sometimes it was easy to guess which things would get to the bottom first, but did any of the items surprise you? Sometimes we think we know exactly how God is going to make things work out. Sometimes He surprises us. God always keeps His promises, but we don't always know when those promises will be fulfilled. God is infinitely wiser than we are. His timing is perfect. We can trust God in all things.