

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Zechariah 3:8-10; 6:12-13; 9:9-10; 13:7-9

Session Summary

In the first part of this passage, Zechariah described the coming Messiah in two different ways, as a branch and a stone. The stone here was most likely referring to the idea of the cornerstone, and the branch gave life to the allusion of a sprout growing up out of a stump. Ultimately, all of these symbolic pictures revealed the Messiah for what He would be— our hope. He is the source of life, resurrection, adoption, and mission. This text also described the Messiah as a ruler who would be both a king and a priest, as well as the Lord's shepherd. This Messiah would be like no one who would ever come before or after Him.

Conversation Questions

- As we read this passage, what part stands out the most?
- How does knowing that Jesus is both king and priest change the way we approach Him in prayer?
- What comfort can our family have in knowing Jesus is our Good Shepherd?
- How can our family share the hope we find in Jesus with the world around us?

Family Challenge

In this passage, the Messiah was described in many ways: as a branch, a stone, a king, a priest and a shepherd. Using the space below, write out the first ten descriptions that your family can think of to characterize Jesus.

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