

# SUNDAY, JANUARY 24



## Zechariah the Prophet

### **BIBLE PASSAGE:**

Zechariah

### **STORY POINT:**

The prophets told about Jesus

### **KEY PASSAGE:**

Jeremiah 29:11

### **BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

God kept His promise to send Jesus.

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## Zechariah

**When God's people stopped rebuilding God's temple, God sent prophets to give His people a message. Zechariah (ZEK uh RIGH uh) was one of the prophets who told the people what God said.**

**God said, "Come back to Me, and I will come back to you." God wanted His people to remember Him and put Him first. "Do not be like your parents and grandparents and great-grandparents," God said. "I sent prophets to tell them to stop disobeying Me, but they did not listen."**

**One night, God gave Zechariah more messages for His people. The messages came in eight visions—like dreams, but Zechariah was awake.** Each vision was a new message that said what God was going to do.

Zechariah saw a man on a red horse. The man rode his horse around the earth. He looked to see what was happening. Everything was quiet. God said He was going to punish His people's enemies, and the people would finish building God's temple.

Then Zechariah saw four horns. God's people had four enemies. Zechariah saw four men. The men would in against the enemies.

Then Zechariah saw a man with a rope. He used the rope to measure things. The man tried to measure the city of Jerusalem, but it was too big.

Then Zechariah saw Joshua the priest. Then he saw a golden lampstand and then a flying scroll.

Then Zechariah saw a woman in a basket. Then he saw four chariots. What strange visions! **Everything Zechariah saw in the visions was a special message from God.**

**God told Zechariah, "Make gold and silver crowns. Put them on Joshua the priest." Joshua looked like a king, but he was not the special king God planned. God said that the true special king would come one day and bring peace. There would be no more fighting.**

**"Be happy and shout for joy! Your King is coming," God said. "He is a good King. He is riding on a donkey."**

***Christ Connection:*** Zechariah saw that God was going to help His people and give them a special king. Jesus is the King who came humbly on a donkey, just like Zechariah said. God kept His promise to send Jesus. We can trust in Jesus to forgive our sins.

# Gospel Gems

**\*\*Zechariah said that God would send a special King.**

**\*\*Jesus is the special King God promised to send.**

**\*\*One day, Jesus will live with His people forever.**

## Talk About It

**What is the name of the prophet in today's Bible story?** Zechariah

**What did God want His people to do?** remember Him and put Him first, obey Him

**How many visions did Zechariah have?** eight

**What were these visions?** special messages from God

**Was Joshua the priest the special king God planned to send?** no

**What would this special king bring?** peace

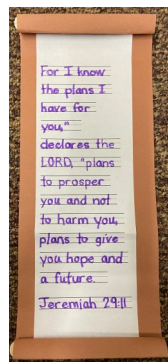
**How is Jesus the perfect Prophet? God speaks to us through Jesus.**

## Hands-On-Activity

### Build a Brick Wall

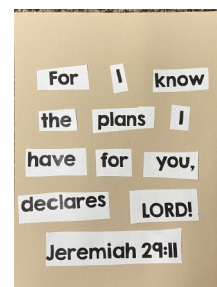
#### SUPPLIES:

- Scissors
- Colors or markers
- Glue
- White paper
- Brown paper
- Dowels or craft sticks



Printout "word trace" - trace the scripture. Glue to brown paper, use dowels or craft sticks to glue or tape on each side. Roll from both ends to make a scroll, tie a string around rolled paper to close.

#### OPTION 1:



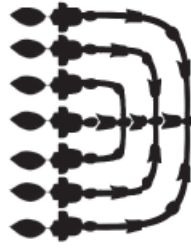
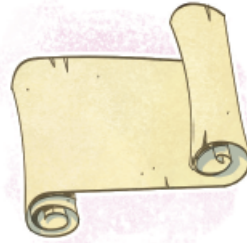
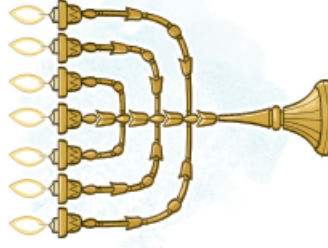
#### OPTION 2:



Printout "word cutout" - cutout individual scripture words. Glue words on brown paper, use dowels or craft sticks to glue or tape on each side of paper. Roll from both ends to make a scroll, tie a string around rolled paper to close.

# Match the Shadows

INSTRUCTIONS: Draw a line connecting each object with its shadow.



## Preschool Activity Pages Unit 17 • Session 4 Zechariah the Prophet

### BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- The prophet Zechariah gave God's message to the people.
- God wanted His people to remember Him and put Him first.
- Some of God's messages came to Zechariah in visions.
- Zechariah said the Messiah is coming.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Jeremiah 29:11

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- How is Jesus the perfect Prophet? God speaks to us through Jesus.

### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Name some ways we can remember God and put Him first.
- Who is the special king Zechariah told about?
- How is Jesus different from earthly kings?

### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- As a family, read and compare some of Zechariah's prophecies with their fulfillment in the New Testament: Zechariah 9:9 and John 12:12-15; Zechariah 11:13 and Matthew 27:9-10; Zechariah 12:10 and John 19:33-37. Explain that Jesus is the Messiah God promised.



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## WORD TRACE

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 .

Jeremiah 29:11

## WORD CUTOUT

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