



# Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

## THE PROPHET ZECHARIAH



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of the book of Zechariah from the Bible.



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- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

On May 8, 1945, radio broadcasts and newspaper headlines announced that World War I had ended in Europe. Celebrations erupted all over the world as people heard this good news. After six years of fighting, the people of Europe could celebrate this good news of peace!

In this week's Bible story, God's people were finally able to celebrate as they returned home after 70 years of exile. They began rebuilding the temple, but some of the neighbors in the land didn't want them to finish the temple. God's people continued to face struggles. So, God sent a prophet named Zechariah to give the people hope. Zechariah told the people that a day was coming when God would give His people a new King and a new kingdom.

God sent Zechariah to deliver good news to His people. They could have hope for the future because they heard that God would be with them. God sent Jesus to be good news for all people! Everyone who believes and trusts in Him can now have peace and a hope for the future because Jesus is the eternal King!

**Zechariah prophesied about the Messiah, saying He would be a humble King who would build a new and better kingdom. Jesus is the Messiah King. Those who trust in Him are forgiven of their sin and welcomed into His kingdom.**

***Pray:** Thank You, God, for sending good news to us! While we were still sinners, Jesus died in our place to save us from sin. Help us know Him and trust in Him as Lord. We know that all who believe in Jesus can have hope and forgiveness of sins. Amen.*



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LEARN SCRIPTURE

*The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.*



**On that day it will be said, “Look, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he has saved us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him. Let’s rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”**

Isaiah 25:9



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SING SCRIPTURE

Finish your family worship experience by playing the key passage song. This song is a helpful way to worship as your family learns and memorizes the key passage.



## Family Prayer Time

### **Mornings**

Pray for the community helpers and leaders who serve in your city. Pray specifically for the mayor, city council members, police, firefighters, and those who serve in less public ways. Ask God to protect them and give them wisdom as they lead the city.

### **Evenings**

Thank God for the good news of Jesus and how it brings us hope for the future. How does Jesus' resurrection give us hope for our future?



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Use different-colored paper or scrapbooking supplies to make encouragement cards for friends and neighbors. Write messages or Bible verses to give hope to each recipient. Distribute the cards to share good news and give hope to those around you. Talk with kids about how Zechariah's message gave hope to God's people and how Jesus brings hope to all who believe in Him!

### **To Serve**

Work as a family to clean up an area of your city. Collect litter, rake leaves, or plant flowers to beautify the area. Afterward, talk about how God's people worked to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. Remind kids of the promise God made to build a new city that brings all nations together and heals all of creation. Those who trust in Jesus can look forward to that day with hope!