

Calvary Kids

February 20th and 21st 2021
Zechariah the Prophet
Bible Passage: Zechariah



MEMORY VERSE

"We know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."
Romans 8:28

**Thank you so much for watching our Calvary Kids online message today!!
Here are some fun ways to dig deeper into today's lesson with the entire family.**

1. TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON SUMMARY

The people of Judah were living in their homeland again. God gave the prophet Zechariah a message. The message was to remind the people to look back and remember the past along with looking forward to and preparing for the future. God's message said, "Return to Me, and I will return to you. Do not be like your parents and grandparents who did not obey My words or listen to My prophets. They did not listen and kept sinning, so they were punished." One night, while Zechariah was sleeping, God gave him a message through eight different visions. Each vision was different message from God about something that was going to happen. In the first vision, Zechariah saw a man riding on a red horse. There were other horses behind them patrolling the earth. Things of earth were peaceful and quiet, but the Lord would soon punish His enemies. The house of the Lord would be rebuilt, and His cities would be blessed. The second vision Zechariah saw four horns and four craftsmen. The four horns represent the enemies of Israel and the four craftsmen would throw down the horns and defeat the enemies of Israel. Next vision was of a man trying to measure the city of Jerusalem, but it was too big for walls, so the Lord would be a wall of fire around it. The next vision is of the high priest, Joshua, in filthy clothes. An angel of the Lord removes Joshua's dirty clothes taking away his guilt from sin and dresses him in clean clothes. The angel told Joshua to be obedient in his service to the Lord and he would be in charge of God's temple. Joshua was encouraged that God would send a servant who in a single day would remove all sin. In the fifth vision, there was a solid gold lampstand showing how all of God's plans which would happen, because of His Spirit. There was a vision of a flying scroll, which was a curse on all those who disobeyed God. In the seventh vision Zechariah saw a woman sitting in a basket which represented the wickedness of all who worshipped false gods. She was picked up and taken to Babylon. In the eighth vision, there were four chariots pulled by horses, each one would patrol the earth like in the first vision. God told Zechariah to gather silver and gold to make crowns. God told him to place the crowns on the head of Joshua, the high priest. The crowns of Joshua meant that a special king was coming to bring peace to the people. Zechariah encouraged Joshua the priest and Zerubbabel. Zechariah said God was going to send the Messiah, a special King. He said, "be happy and shout for joy! Your King is coming to you; He is righteous and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." Zechariah said, "God promised to bless His people and punish the rest of the nations for their sins. He would send His Son Jesus to save His people. Jesus would be King over all the earth. Jesus will live forever with the people who love Him." One day everyone will worship the Lord.

2. EXPERIENCE THE STORY

- **Family Activity (Do the following activity together as a family to reinforce the Bible Lesson and spend time together.)**

For a fun family activity have, "Roller Races." You will need a piece of cardboard and a piece of wood and a variety of objects (cotton balls, toy car, paper towel roll, coins, ball, so forth) Use the piece of cardboard or wood to form a ramp from the table to the floor. You will use the different objects to try and roll down the ramp. Have each family member make predictions about which of the objects will get to the bottom of the ramp the fastest. Discuss how some of the objects rolled slower than others. Sometimes it was easy to guess which of the objects would be the fastest, 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 will always keep His promises, but we don't always know when those promises will be answered. God is wiser than us, His timing is perfect. We can trust God in all things.

3. FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Have a family discussion about the Bible Lesson and ask the following questions. Retell the story if needed by reading the Bible Passages from our lesson.)

- 1. What is the name of the prophet in our Bible lesson?** (The prophet's name was Zechariah.)
- 2. What did God want His people to do?** (To remember God, put Him first and obey Him.)
- 3. How many visions did Zechariah have?** (Zechariah had eight visions.)
- 4. What did God tell Zechariah to gather from the people?** (Silver and gold to make a crown for Joshua.)
- 5. What was the special message of hope given to God's people?** (Zechariah told them, Jesus is coming.)
- 6. Why do you think God spoke this message of hope through Zechariah?** (God cares for each of us. The Israelites were struggling in rebuilding the temple and coming together in community. God reminded them that they were His chosen people.)
- 7. How can we be encouraged to obey God even when life is difficult?** (Obeying God may not always be the popular choice, but it is always the right choice. God must punish sin. Our love for Jesus and what He has done for us will help us to obey Him.)

4. PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE: (Help kids memorize and understand their Bible Verse.)

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SAY: Our memory verse was written to remind us that God causes everything to work together according to His plan. Why do bad things happen? We do not always know why some things happen, but our verse reminds us that God uses even the bad times in our lives for good. When hard stuff happens to us, it is an opportunity for us to learn and grow. God allows what He hates in the world to accomplish what He loves, to complete His plan. You can thank God for His faithfulness and have trust that God will see us through. Until the time when Jesus returns and conquers sin, bad and evil will happen.

5. FAMILY REFLECTION AND PRAYER: (Time to reflect on the over arching theme of our Bible Lesson and spend time in Prayer.)

SAY: Zechariah was a prophet who God sent to give His people messages. God gave Zechariah visions about things that would happen in the future. Zechariah said the Messiah is coming. This special King would help His people. Jesus is the King who came humbly on a donkey. God kept His promise to send Jesus. We can have hope and forgiveness of sins when we trust in Jesus.

For some additional activities and discussion questions, please check out the Family Experience Page below.

FAMILY EXPERIENCE

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In 2021 Remember To

"Place your hope in Jesus!
He is our hope, our joy, our peace,
our comfort, and our security."

Zechariah The Prophet

Zechariah said the Messiah is coming.

FAMILY TIME QUESTIONS

- Who is the special king, Zechariah told the people about?
- How is Jesus different than any other earthly king?
- Name some ways we can remember God and put Him first?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Spend time together as a family.

- For a fun family activity, make and record some predictions about the families upcoming week. You can make your predictions about things such as the weather, sport scores, who will get up first, who will finish dinner first, family's favorite ice-cream, how long will it take for an ice cube to melt and so forth. Have a family discussion about the difference between a prediction and a prophecy. Talk about how Zechariah prophesied about the Messiah coming. Talk about how God used prophets to give His people messages.

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