

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2020

BIBLE STORY:

Zechariah

BIBLE VERSE:

Zechariah 14:9

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

God will take care of His people. (BT)

God has a plan for His people. (P)

KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

God promised a King who would save His people. (YK)

God promised a righteous and humble

King was coming to bring salvation to the people. (OK)

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Proverbs 15:33–16:11

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Proverbs 15:3

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Proverbs 24:15-22*

MONDAY: *Proverbs 24:23-34*

TUESDAY: *Proverbs 25:1-12*

WEDNESDAY: *Proverbs 25:13-28*

THURSDAY: *Proverbs 26:1-12*

FRIDAY: *Proverbs 26:13-28*

SATURDAY: *Proverbs 27:1-14*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study *Zechariah* and *Proverbs* together as a family:



- **Who was Zechariah?** Zechariah was not only a prophet, he was also a priest. God called Zechariah around the same time as Haggai to encourage the people to finish building the temple. Through his priestly role, Zechariah encouraged the nation to renew their commitment of worship to the one true God. While it was important for the people to rebuild the temple, Zechariah wanted the people to love and worship God every day. The restoration of true worship was important for the people personally and the nation.
- **Dream, dream, dream.** Zechariah's visions are the focus of his book. Zechariah's visions shared the history of Israel's decline into captivity, rescue, and future restoration. Judah was reminded of the problem that got them into trouble in the first place—sin. Their sin ultimately led to their exile in Babylon. Now that they had returned, Zechariah saw how their pattern of sin could once again lead them away from God's blessing. Warning the people to renew their faithfulness would allow them to see God's blessing. Eventually God would send a Savior for His people.
- **See your king?** Zechariah 9:9 is quoted in two Gospel accounts, fulfilled as Jesus arrived in Jerusalem riding on the back of a donkey. Zechariah's prophecy of Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem also looked forward to Jesus' second coming as a King who would restore pure, honest worship from followers of God. One day, as Zechariah shared, God will fully dwell with His people.
- **Please God in attitude and action.** Zechariah encouraged the people to please God by rebuilding the temple. This action would show how the people's attitude toward God was in line with God's will and desire. Perhaps Zechariah recalled Solomon's encouragement to seek wisdom by doing the will of God. God's promise of blessing comes to those who have a right relationship with God and respond with right attitudes and actions.