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### **Dear Parents,**

Thank you so much for allowing your child to join our service. I'd love for you to use this newsletter to review this week's Bible story with your child at home.

Today, we'll learn that "Zechariah Gave Hope" (Zechariah 13-14). In today's Bible story, Zechariah spoke a message of hope to God's people. God would one day set up a new and better kingdom with a new and better King. God kept His promise by sending Jesus. Because of Jesus, we can have hope and forgiveness of sins by trusting in Him.

Review the gospel and encourage your child to speak with you if they have questions. Remind your child that God is so gracious to give us hope through Jesus! Then pray, thanking God for the hope we have of a new and better kingdom ruled by King Jesus.

Grace and blessings in Christ,

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## **Zechariah Gave Hope**

BIBLE PASSAGE: Zechariah 13-14 KEY PASSAGE: Jeremiah 17:7 BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Can God be trusted?

Yes, God cannot lie or ever be wrong, so we can trust whatever He has said.



After living in Babylon for 70 years, the exile was over. God's people were home! A group had returned to Jerusalem to rebuild God's temple. Zerubbabel the governor and Joshua the high priest led the people. They started the work, but their neighbors

didn't want them to rebuild the temple, so they stopped.

God sent prophets to encourage His people to finish the temple and give them a message. One of those prophets was named Zechariah (ZEK uh RIGH uh). God told Zechariah what would happen in the future, and then Zechariah told the people what God said.

Zechariah gave a message of hope. He shared what God would do for His people in the future. This is what Zechariah said: "A day is coming when the Lord will remove every idol from this land. No one will remember them or worship them." God was going to set up a new kingdom over the nations.





Zechariah said God would give His people a new king—like a shepherd caring for a flock of sheep. "Then God will say, 'Sword, strike my shepherd,' and the sheep will scatter. There will be troubles, but God will be doing something good," Zechariah explained.

In this new kingdom, God will judge and punish all evil. He will lead His own people back to Himself. Zechariah said, "The people will call out to God, and He will answer them. He will say, 'You are My people,' and they will answer, 'The LORD is our God.'"

The new kingdom will have a new city—a New Jerusalem—that brings all the nations together and heals all of creation.

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### [ Important Notice ]

- ✓ Children's cell worship service will start at 12:00 noon.
- ✓ Please encourage and help your child to read and write the Bible. The next Bible quiz will be from Ruth 3.
- ✓ Remind your children not to play with electronic devices or toys such as smartphones or dolls, during our service.
- ✓ Our prayer is that the children's time spent in our church would encourage them to trust Christ as Savior, to submit to Him, and to live out the Gospel wherever they are.



## "The People Rebuilt the Temple"

(Ezra 2-6)



