



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi
Unit 9, Lesson 46

Zechariah and the Flying Scroll

Lesson Aim: To know the Holy Spirit will help us return to God, put Him first, and make good choices.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What do you like to build?

GAME: Temple Builders

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO IS LORD OF ALL

Read Worship Scripture: Zechariah 4:6.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform The Love Sub script or read storybook.

THE WORD ZECHARIAH AND THE FLYING SCROLL

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God protected Daniel from the lions.

Today, we will learn about the prophet Zechariah. Point to Jerusalem. **70 years after Daniel and the people were taken to Babylon, King Cyrus agreed to allow Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, to return to Jerusalem with many people to rebuild God's temple. But, after 16 years, the temple was still not completed. God sent the prophets Haggai and Zechariah to encourage them to put God first and finish the temple.** Point to Haggai and Zechariah (Circa 530 B.C.). **Let's focus on Zechariah's warning, choice, and promise from God.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Zechariah 1:3; 4:6; 5:1-4; 9:9. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Zechariah 4:6. Pray. Read.

THE WAY MAKING GOOD CHOICES

How big was the flying scroll? (30 feet long, 15 feet wide.) **Why do you think it was so big? How does God bring warnings into your life? On the scroll, who was warned they would be banished by God?** (Thieves and liars.) **Lying or stealing habits can keep us far from God. Have you or your friends ever been tempted to lie or steal?**

Take 60 seconds to silently think about any wrong habits you may have. God's Holy Spirit is the only one who can give us the power to

stop our wrong habits and return to God. Ask Him to do a great thing in you by giving you power and might to stop your wrong habits and make good choices. What is a good choice the Holy Spirit has helped you make?

What does the vision of the flying scroll tell you about God? Why do you think God cares about our sin? God wants us to be close to Him. What did God promise He would do if we return to Him? (He will return to us.) What do you think it means to return to God? What do you think God's promise to return meant to His people waiting for a savior? What does God returning to you mean in your life today?

Zechariah 4:6 reminds us that when we make good choices or do something good for others, we are only able to do it because God's Spirit is working through us. By His Spirit, the people completed the temple. By His Spirit, we can return to the Lord. By His Spirit, Haggai and Zechariah helped people return to the Lord and rebuild the temple. By His Spirit, God has already done great things through each one of you. What is one great thing God has done through you? It is important to remember you did these things by His Spirit and not by your own greatness. How have these great things brought you or others closer to God?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Just as they were in Bible times, our choices today are important to God. Over 500 years after Zechariah, Paul prayed for the people to make good choices. Reveal Colossians 1:10-14. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **Who will give us the wisdom and understanding of God's will so we can make choices that please Him? (His Spirit.) What does it mean to live a life that pleases God?** Reread Colossians 1:10-12 and stop to discuss each of the four actions Paul listed.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Flying Scroll
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #46
- OFFERING OF ART: Zerubbabel and the people rebuilding the temple
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Tasty Temple

GAME: What's the Right Choice?

CRAFT: Choose God First

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Praise Tag, Four Praise Corners

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW