



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
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 who encouraged the people who were sent from Babylon to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. 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 to the people rebuilding the temple. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Zechariah 1:3; 4:6; 5:1-4. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Zechariah 4:6. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY MAKING GOOD CHOICES

In Zechariah's vision, how big was the flying scroll? (30 feet long, 15 feet wide.) On the scroll, who was warned that they would be banished (sent far away) 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 such as stealing, lying, being disrespectful or disobedient, or gossiping. 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?

God wants us to be close to Him. What did God promise He would do if we would return to Him? (He will return to us.) What do you think it means to return to God?

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. Paul knew that wonderful things happen to those who make choices that please God. Let's check it out. 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? (The Spirit.)

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

### FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Flying Scroll
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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**