

BIG TRUTH: GOD'S PEOPLE LONG FOR A KING

1 Samuel 8:1-9; Exodus 2:23; Ezekiel 34:12; Deuteronomy 17:14; 2 Samuel 7:12; Psalm 2:10-12; 110:5

BIBLE VERSE: ZECHARIAH 9:9-10

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea."

BIG IDEAS

- The desire and need for a rescuer is woven into the human heart.
- God's people are tempted to look to men instead of Him for help.
- Throughout Scripture, the hope of God's people is the promised king, a son of David.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ZECHARIAH 9:9-17

UNITE: LIVING IN COMMUNITY

The Unite year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are brought into the family of God- seen throughout the Old Testament as "God's People" and in the New Testament and today as the church (Exodus 6:7; Colossians 1:18). We are set free from our sin to walk in freedom in Christ (Galatians 5:1) and use our influence to call others to do the same.

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know...

- God has always been making and keeping a people for Himself
- In this age, the church is God's people
- Being a part of God's people should inform every aspect of our lives



Every student should feel...

- Love for God and the people of God
- Accountable to God and to the church to pursue holiness
- Responsible to use their influence to make much of God alone



Every student should strive to...

- Study the connections between God's people in the Old Testament
- and the church in the New Testament
- Memorize the Bible verse each week
- Invite others into God's people, the church



Every student should want...

- Be marked by their faith
- Talk about God every day, in every setting and circle of influence
- Live as a faithful member of their local church

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter the truth that God's people long for a King. We will pray for them to turn to God for help as we lead them to practice hoping in Jesus as their King.



Read Zechariah 9:9-17 and answer these questions in a journal:

- Why are the daughters of Zion told to rejoice? What do these verses really symbolize to God's people?
- What are the characteristics of the King coming to rescue His people?
- How do these traits bring hope to God's people?
- Why should God's people rejoice and hope in their King?
- How does God show His might and power through His King?

Read and meditate on Zechariah 9:9-17 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Ponder how to discuss with your son or daughter the truth that God's people long for a king. How can you model longing for a king?
- Consider how to discuss with your son or daughter the truth that God's people look to man for help. How can you help your son or daughter look to the King for help instead of man?
- Ponder how to help your son or daughter tell others about the coming King. How can you help them identify someone who needs to hear the gospel?



Pray with your son or daughter this week.

- Ask God to help them look to God for help instead of their friends or other people.
- Pray with your student this week. Ask God to help them share the gospel with someone and to share the good news that the King is coming one day.



Memorize Zechariah 9:9-10 with your son or daughter this week.

- Write the verses on an index card and review them daily to help your son or daughter learn them.
- Discuss with your son or daughter why you hope in the coming King. Help them make a list of reasons that having Jesus as our King gives them hope.
- Meet with your student to discuss a person he or she can share the gospel with. Help them come up with a specific plan to tell someone about Jesus this week.