



CONVERSATION QUESTIONS | ZECHARIAH THE PROPHET

Questions for Preschoolers and Kindergartners

1. What is the name of the prophet in today's Bible story? (*Zechariah*)
2. What did God want His people to do? (*remember Him and put Him first, obey Him*)
3. How many visions did Zechariah have? (*eight*)
4. What were these visions? (*special messages from God*)
5. Was Joshua the priest the special king God planned to send? (*no*)
6. What would this special king bring? (*peace*)

Questions For 1st - 5th Graders

1. What did a prophet do? (*shared God's message with the people*)
2. What did God tell Zechariah to collect from the people? (*silver and gold to make a crown for Joshua, Zech. 6:9*)
3. What was the special message of hope to God's people? (**Zechariah said the Messiah is coming, Zech. 9:9**)
4. Why do you think God spoke this message of hope through Zechariah? *Guide the kids to see that God cares for us. The Israelites were struggling in rebuilding the temple and finding their identity as a people. God reminded them that they are His chosen people.*
5. How can we be encouraged to obey God even when life is difficult? *Help the kids understand that God has given us hope for a future eternity with Him, but we also get to be part of His kingdom here on this earth. Our obedience flows out of our love for Him and for what He has done for us.*
6. How do we know Jesus is the Messiah? *Guide kids to understand that Jesus claimed to be the Messiah, and God showed other people that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus perfectly fulfilled Old Testament prophecies, such as those found in today's story, and did miracles to prove His identity as God's Son. Jesus perfectly obeyed all the law, showing us exactly who God is.*

*Say - Zechariah had a message of hope for God's people. God had not forgotten His people. He would punish their enemies and keep His promises. **Zechariah said the Messiah is coming.** The people would be united with God and He would never forsake them.*

