

# REBUILD

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## LEVELS OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

### PRESCHOOL:

The Bible is a book about God.  
God tells people to obey Him.  
People can show love for God by obeying Him.

### YOUNGER KIDS (K5-2ND GRADE):

The Bible is a book about God.  
People can learn about and recognize God's authority.  
God deserves respect, obedience, and honor.

### OLDER KIDS (3RD-5TH GRADE):

The Bible is God's message about Himself and His salvation plan through Jesus.  
God deserves respect, obedience, and honor. God wants us to live for His glory.  
God commands people to obey Him.  
People can acknowledge and follow God's authority in their lives.



### MEMORY VERSE

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."  
Lamentations 3:22-24

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## BUSY BIN

As the kids arrive, they will stop by the table to pick up a snack, a drink, and an autumn scratch art activity.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

God's people had been living in exile in Babylon for 70 years because they had turned away from God. Just as God had promised, after 70 years the people were free to go back to Jerusalem. Zechariah was a prophet who encouraged the people to rebuild the temple after they returned from exile. He also gave them hope by reminding them of God's promises about Jesus.

Talk through several of God's promises we have learned about the past two years:  
**Genesis 3:15-** After the fall of Adam and Eve, God promised that the seed of the woman would crush the serpent's head, foreshadowing Jesus' victory over Satan and sin.

**Genesis 12:3; 22:18-** God promised Abraham that through his offspring "all nations of the earth shall be blessed". This is a reference to the coming Messiah who will bring salvation to all people.

**Isaiah 53-** Isaiah describes the suffering, death, and ultimate victory of the Messiah, who would bear the sins of many and bring healing through His wounds.

**Isaiah 7:14-** Isaiah spoke of a virgin who would give birth to a son, and He would be called "Immanuel," meaning "God with us".

**Micah 5:2-** The prophet Micah predicted that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

**Jeremiah 23:5-6-** God promises to raise up a righteous branch from David's line who would reign wisely and bring justice and righteousness.

Remind the kids that the entire Old Testament shows why people so desperately need Jesus. It also shows that God had a plan to send Jesus from the beginning of time.

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## BACKGROUND INFO FOR LEADERS

Use the Background Info for Leaders or The Message Bible summary of scripture to help tell today's story. "Get ready" in the Jesus Storybook Bible tells the story of God's people returning from slavery found in Nehemiah 8-10, Malachi 1, 3, and 4 and Ezra 7. This story covers parts of our lessons for the next several weeks.

After living in Babylon for 70 years, the exile was over. God had kept His promise to send His people back to Jerusalem! Now, they were home and ready to begin work on rebuilding the 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. 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.

Zechariah told the people of Jerusalem that God uses trials and sufferings to refine His people, but the end result will be the praise of His name. Like the people of Judah, we will face hardships, but we can trust God and have hope knowing Jesus' sufferings secure our future. There are no trials that can separate us from God or undo God's promises. God's promises can save us. A new kingdom came true in Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

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## LOCATE THE SCRIPTURE & TELL THE STORY



**Re-tell the Bible Story:** put events in order, draw a comic strip, build it with blocks or playdough, act it out, etc.

**Attributes of God:** Use the attributes of God list and determine the characteristics of God that we see in today's story. How can knowing these characteristics of God to be true, change the way we live in Christ?

**TELL  
THE  
STORY**



**Share the GOSPEL:**

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.

Read directly from Scripture, use The Jesus Storybook Bible, The Biggest Story Bible, or the summary provided in the lesson

No minor prophet book reveals more of the scarlet thread of redemption than Zechariah. 3 of the 8 rapid-fire visions the Lord gave the prophet pointed either to the first coming of the Messiah (who is called "the BRANCH" in Zechariah 3:8) or to Christ's end-times reign. In a cruel twist of fate, the very temple Zechariah inspired the people to build was the place where he was murdered, according to Christ (Matthew 23:35). Jesus referenced Zechariah's murder as He lamented the scribes and Pharisees' failure to recognize not only Him but also all the prophets God sent before Him: "See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'" (Matthew 23:38-39). With those words, Jesus referred to when He would ride into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey, fulfilling Zechariah 9:9. Immediately following that prophecy is a description of Christ's second coming (9:10 and the peace He will bring.

Re-Tell

The Bible  
Story

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Zechariah didn't know when either of these events would occur—that the Messiah riding into Jerusalem on a donkey would take place 500 years after his time, or that the Messiah's people would still be waiting for His second coming 2000 or so years after that.

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## ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

**ATTENTIVE** - God hears and responds to the needs of his children.

**COMPASSIONATE** - God cares for his children and acts on their behalf.

**CREATOR** - God made everything. He is uncreated.

**DELIVERER** - God rescues and saves his children.

**ETERNAL** - God is not limited by time. He exists outside of time.

**FAITHFUL** - God always keeps his promises.

**GENEROUS** - God gives what is best and beyond what is deserved.

**GLORIOUS** - God displays His greatness and worth.

**GOOD** - God is what is best and gives what is best. He is incapable of doing harm.

**HOLY** - God is perfect, pure, and without sin.

**IMMUTABLE/UNCHANGING** - God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

**INCOMPREHENSIBLE** - God is beyond our understanding. We can comprehend Him in part but not in whole.

**INFINITE** - God has not limits in His person or on His power.

**JEALOUS** - God will not share his glory with another. all glory rightfully belongs to him.

**JUST** - god is fair in all his actions and judgements. He cannot over-punish or under-punish.

**LOVING** - God feels and displays infinite, unconditional affection toward his children. His love for them does not depend on their worth, response, or merit.

**MERCIFUL** - God does not give his children the punishment they deserve.

**OMNIPOTENT/ALMIGHTY** - God holds all power. nothing is too hard for God. What He wills He can accomplish.

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## ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

**OMNIPRESENT** - God is fully present everywhere.

**OMNISCIENT** - God knows everything, past, present, and future - all potential and real outcomes, all things micro and macro.

**PATIENT/LONG-SUFFERING** - God is untiring and bears with His children.

**PROVIDER** - God meets the needs of his children.

**REFUGE** - God is a place of safety and protection for his children.

**RIGHTEOUS** - God is always good and right.

**SELF-EXISTENT** - God depends on nothing and no one to give him life or existence.

**SELF-SUFFICIENT** - God is not vulnerable. He has no needs.

**SOVEREIGN** - God does everything according to His plan and pleasure.

**TRANSCENDENT** - God is not like humans. He is infinitely higher in being and action.

**TRUTHFUL** - Whatever God speaks or does is truth and reality.

**WISE** - God knows what is best and acts accordingly. He cannot choose wrongly.

**WORTHY** - God deserves all glory and honor and praise.

**WRATHFUL** - God hates all unrighteousness.

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## QUESTIONS TO REBUILD THE STORY

**“Storying” Questions:** As you ask these questions, have your 2nd-5th grade kids find the answers in the actual verses of scripture instead of recalling them from your re-telling of the story. We always want to encourage all of our kids to go directly to God’s Word over a commentary on or summary of scripture.

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God’s glory and my good?
4. Are there promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me live on mission better?
6. What do you think the new Jerusalem will look like? What would the world look like without sin?
7. Jesus was called “The Good Shepherd”. How is Jesus like a shepherd?
8. What other names is Jesus called throughout scripture?
9. Zechariah told the people, “Sword, strike my shepherd, and the sheep will scatter.” How did Zechariah’s prophecy come true in the NT?
10. How did God react to those who turned their back on Him or disobeyed Him?
11. How is Jesus different than any other king?
12. What have you put your hope in?
13. Read Zec. 12:10. Remember as you read that Zechariah is speaking to the returning Jews. What strikes you about this verse based on what you know about Jesus’ death?
14. How have hard times caused you to trust God more?

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## PRAYER PROMPTS

God thank You for continuing Your promises for Your people even when we fall short. Over and over again we waver, but You never change! You are faithful and true! We love You! Help us to live to follow You in expectation of your promised return!

## IF TIME ALLOWS:

Help the kids in your group practice memorizing the books of the Bible by singing through the Books of the Bible song on our Books of the Bible Spotify playlist. Use the printed copies of the books of the Bible in your classroom to follow along. 3rd-5th graders, practice putting the books of the Bible in order using the popsicle sticks. Have several groups of kids compete against each other or work together to see how fast your class can order them.

## MISSIONS EMPHASIS:

For the months of September and October Creek Kids will be collecting money for the Connie Maxwell Children's Home. Please visit their website for pictures and descriptions of some of the services they offer that you can share with your group. A generous donor will match all of our donations. Encourage your class to collect money and donate it in the giving funnel in the upstairs lobby. Kids can donate with their families as they arrive, or you can go together as a class on the way back to the Worship Center at the end of SS.

## REVIEW UNIT VERSE:

Work on memorizing this verse with the kids in your group. Use the Memory Verse Idea Handout for some fun ways to work on the verse together.



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## Application Questions

### LOOK UPWARD



- How does this story apply to your relationship with God?
- What does it teach you about Him- His will and His heart?
- What aspect of His character is He inviting you to experience and enjoy?
- How will you benefit by applying the truths of this story in your relationship with God?
- What practical steps can you take to live out these truths in your relationship with God?

### LOOK INWARD



- How does this story apply to your heart and your own spiritual growth?
- What does it teach you about yourself, your needs, or your goals in life?
- In what aspects of your personal life is God inviting you to grow and mature?
- How will you benefit by applying the truths of this story inwardly?
- How will those around you benefit?
- What practical steps can you take to allow these truths to help you grow spiritually?

### LOOK AROUND



- How does this story apply to your relationship with others?
- What does it teach you about how to see others and relate to them?
- What is god inviting you to do differently in your relationships?

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## Application Questions

### LOOK OUTWARD

- How does this story apply to your ministry and mission in life- to your role in God's kingdom, in society, and in the world?
- What does it teach you about God's purposes for the world?
- What part of His mission is He inviting you to participate in?
- How will you benefit by applying the truths of this story in your ministry?
- How will the world benefit?
- What practical steps can you take to live out these truths in the world?

### LOOK FORWARD

- How does this story apply to your future, both in this age and in eternity?
- What does it teach you about God's plan for your life, now and forever?
- What aspects of eternity is God inviting you to participate in?
- How will you benefit in the future by applying these truths now?
- How will God's kingdom benefit?
- What practical steps can you take to impact eternity now with these truths?