

FAMILY connection

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | Zechariah 9:9-12; 13:1-2,9

SESSION SUMMARY

In this session, Zechariah prophesied about someone who would come long after that generation of Israelites was gone: the Messiah, Jesus. It was a reminder to God's people to hope even though hope seemed lost—because even after returning from Babylon, they faced opposition and struggle and difficulty. But in this session, Zechariah's words remind us just as they reminded the Israelites: God calls us to live like His promises are real. These are the main points:

- Our king is coming (Zech. 9:9-12).
- Our king will restore us (Zech. 13:1-2,9).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- What causes our family to grow closer to God? What causes us to create distance in our relationship with God?
- How does the description of the king in Zechariah's prophecy encourage our family to hope for Jesus's return and live like we believe He's coming again?
- Why is believing God's promises not just important for the big picture of our lives but also for our everyday lives?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Encourage each family member to take some time to think about some of God's promises in Scripture that stand out to them. Give each person a few slips of paper and a writing utensil. Invite them to write out those promises on individual slips of paper with a verse reference. Fold the slips of paper in half and place them in a jar. When your family starts to feel discouraged about life, draw a promise from the jar, read it together, and ask God to remind you that He is faithful to fulfill every promise.