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For the Parents

Dear Parents,

I feel blessed to have the opportunity to work with your child this quarter. My prayer is that your child's learning will result in his/her having a closer relationship with God.

Unit I, "Jesus: God's Chosen King," contains five lessons from the books of Ruth, 2 Samuel, and Luke. Lessons 1 and 2 deal with key moments in the history of Jesus' ancestors. Lesson 3 considers the role of John the Baptist in preparing the way for a "Savior," while lesson 4 highlights how Jesus' birth brings Good News to the world. Lesson 5 provides a glimpse of Jesus, the "Son of David," who bestows mercy on the needy.

Unit II, "Songs for the King," is a four-week study of four psalms that extol the reign of God. Psalm 10 (lesson 6) explores a lament in which the psalmist finds comfort in the assurance of God's reign. Psalm 93 (lesson 7) praises God as the eternal and all-powerful King. Psalms 103 and 145 (lessons 8 and 9) recount God's merciful and powerful acts as ruler of an everlasting kingdom.

Unit III, "Jesus Teaches about God's Kingdom," is comprised of four lessons from the book of Matthew. In lesson 10, Jesus teaches the disciples a "model prayer." Lesson 11 presents a frank acknowledgment that the kingdom of heaven will meet resistance in this world. Lesson 12 relays the promise of a reward in the kingdom for Jesus' committed followers. Finally, in lesson 13, Jesus tells a parable challenging His followers to serve the King faithfully.

You can have a discussion with your child about giving his or her life to God with help from the *ABCs of Salvation*, listed below.

- A. Say, "Admit you have sinned (see Psalm 32:5), or done wrong." Go through just a few of the Ten Commandments—stealing or lying and so forth. Tell how our sins separate us from God (see Isaiah 59:2 and Romans 3:23).
- B. Say, "Believe Jesus is God's Son. He took the punishment for our sins by dying on the cross (see Romans 5:8). We must believe that Jesus is God's Son and that God raised Him from the dead."
- C. Say, "Call on God to forgive you (see Acts 2:21). When we are sorry for our sins and want to stop doing wrong, we can ask God to forgive us (see Acts 16:31)."

Thank you for the opportunity to help shape your child's spiritual life.

Your Child's Teacher



December 1, 2024

LESSON

1



Good Family Connections

Boaz announced to the people, “I have bought all the property of Naomi’s husband and sons. And I have made Ruth my wife!”

Then, all the people said, “We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman coming into your home like Rachel and Leah.” Then Boaz married Ruth. She later gave birth to a son.

The women said to Naomi, “Praise the Lord, who this day has not left you without a *guardian-redeemer* (close male relative who helped the widows in his family). May your grandson become famous throughout Israel! He will help you in your old age.” Then Naomi took care of the baby.

The women living there said, “Naomi has a son!” And they named him Obed. Obed became the father of Jesse. And Jesse became David’s father.

This is how Jesus is connected to Boaz’s and David’s family. Jesus was known as Joseph’s son. Joseph was the son of Heli in David’s family. Nathan was David’s son. David was Jesse’s son. Jesse was Obed’s son. And Obed was Boaz and Ruth’s son.



Lesson Scriptures:

Ruth 4:9-17; Luke 3:23, 31b-32

Key Verse

The women living there said, “Naomi has a son!” And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David. (Ruth 4:17)



We Are All Connected

Braden was always excited about his family coming to town to visit. This weekend would be special because his entire family would be in town. They were all coming because his Uncle Kevin was getting married. Walking into the family room, he found his Uncle Kevin talking with his mom.

"Hey, Uncle Kevin! I'm excited that you're getting married," Braden said.

"Braden—my favorite nephew! You are excited, hunh? So am I," Uncle Kevin replied.

"I'm excited to see Big Mama and Papa, Aunt Rita, and Grandma Sarah," Braden replied.

"That's four generations of our family that will be here," Uncle Kevin noted. "You will have your mom, grandmother, granddaddy, and great-grandmother here."

"So, is Grandma Sarah your mother or your grandmother?" Braden asked.

"Grandma Sarah is my mother. I'm your uncle because your mother is my sister. That's how we are connected," Uncle Kevin explained.

"And Aunt Tiffany will be my new aunt?" Braden asked.

"She sure will!" Uncle Kevin responded.

"It's cool how we all are connected," Braden commented.

Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab

I love my
family
connections!

Hello, all! Ruby here. I love to hear how families are connected. I love to understand their DNA! It is interesting to see all the people that make us a family. We can also get excited about Jesus' family. There were many different types of people in Jesus' family. Some were ordinary people, and some were kings. But God used each of them for Jesus and King David to be born.

We must learn more about our heritages. Here's your assignment: This week, try to learn a few facts about your family connections. You may reveal what you discovered during the next class session.

Complete the Sentences

Complete each statement by filling in each blank with the correct word from today's lesson.

WORD BANK

David • Father • Jesus • Obad • Ruth • Son • Wife • Witnesses

1. I have made _____ my _____.
2. Then all the people said, "We are _____."
3. She gave birth to a _____.
4. And they named him _____. He was the _____ of Jesse, who was the father of _____.
5. _____ is connected to Boaz's and David's family.



Searching for Words

Find the listed words from today's lesson in the word search below.



F	A	M	I	L	Y	D	S
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U	G	O	A	D	E	I	E
T	S	E	R	Z	E	D	J
H	G	I	S	R	A	E	L
Y	O	B	E	D	O	R	N



Boaz
Jesus

David
Obed

Family
Ruth

Israel
Son

December 8, 2024

LESSON

2



David Desires to Build a Temple

King David was living in a beautiful palace made of *cedar* (a type of wood). But, he was concerned that God's ark remained in a tent. The prophet Nathan told David to do what he wanted.

That night, the Lord told Nathan, "Tell David: Are you the one to build me a house? I have never lived in a house. I have moved from place to place, living in a tent. Wherever I have moved with Israel, did I ever say, 'Why have you not built me a house?'"

The Lord continued with David's message. Nathan was told to remind David that the Lord took him from caring for sheep to becoming the ruler over the people of Israel. The Lord would make David's name great. The Lord would provide a place for the people of Israel to live.

The Lord promised to set up a royal house for David. David's son would be the next king. David's kingdom would last forever. David's son would build the Lord a house. Nathan shared the entire message with David.



Lesson Scripture:
2 Samuel 7:4-17

Key Verse

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you."
(2 Samuel 7:11c)





Not Just Any House

Aqueelah's dad wanted to build a new house for the family. She saw him making sketches of the new home.

"Hey, Dad, what are you drawing now?" Aqueelah asked.

"I am finishing the drawing of our new house," Dad replied.

"Can I see?" Aqueelah asked, looking at and pointing to the drawings on the table. "Wow, is this what it will look like?"

"Yes. I don't want to build just any old type of house for you all. I want to build a house that will be in our family forever," Dad explained.

"Why do you want it to be in our family forever?" Aqueelah questioned.

"I want your children and grandchildren to have a place to come visit that has meaning to you," Dad noted.

"Kind of like when we visit Aunt Eva?" Aqueelah suggested.

"Yes. Aunt Eva's house has been in our family for more than one hundred years," Dad commented.

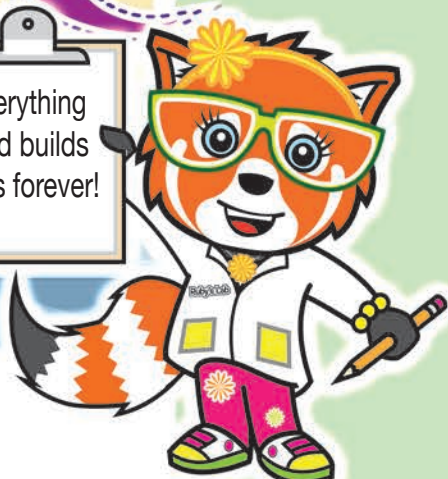
"Our new house can't be just any house. It has to have meaning," Aqueelah replied, now understanding what her father meant.

"You got it!" Dad responded.

Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Everything
God builds
lasts forever!



Hello, everyone! Ruby here. How many of you have ever seen a building being built? It takes math, technology, and engineering to build anything! Many architects have made a difference. Robert Robinson Taylor designed buildings at the Tuskegee Institute that have lasted for generations.

Aqueelah's dad was designing a house that would last for generations. David wanted to build a house for God. But God said, "No." Instead, God would build David a house of kings that would last forever. This week, think about spaces that you have been in which have been around for generations. Tell me about them next week.

True or False?

Read each sentence below and write **T** if the statement is true, or **F** if the statement is false (not true).

1. "I have never lived in a house. I have moved from place to place, living in a tent."

2. King David said to Moses the prophet, "I am living in a house of cedar, but God's ark remains in a tent."

3. "Your house and your kingdom will last for a few days before me."

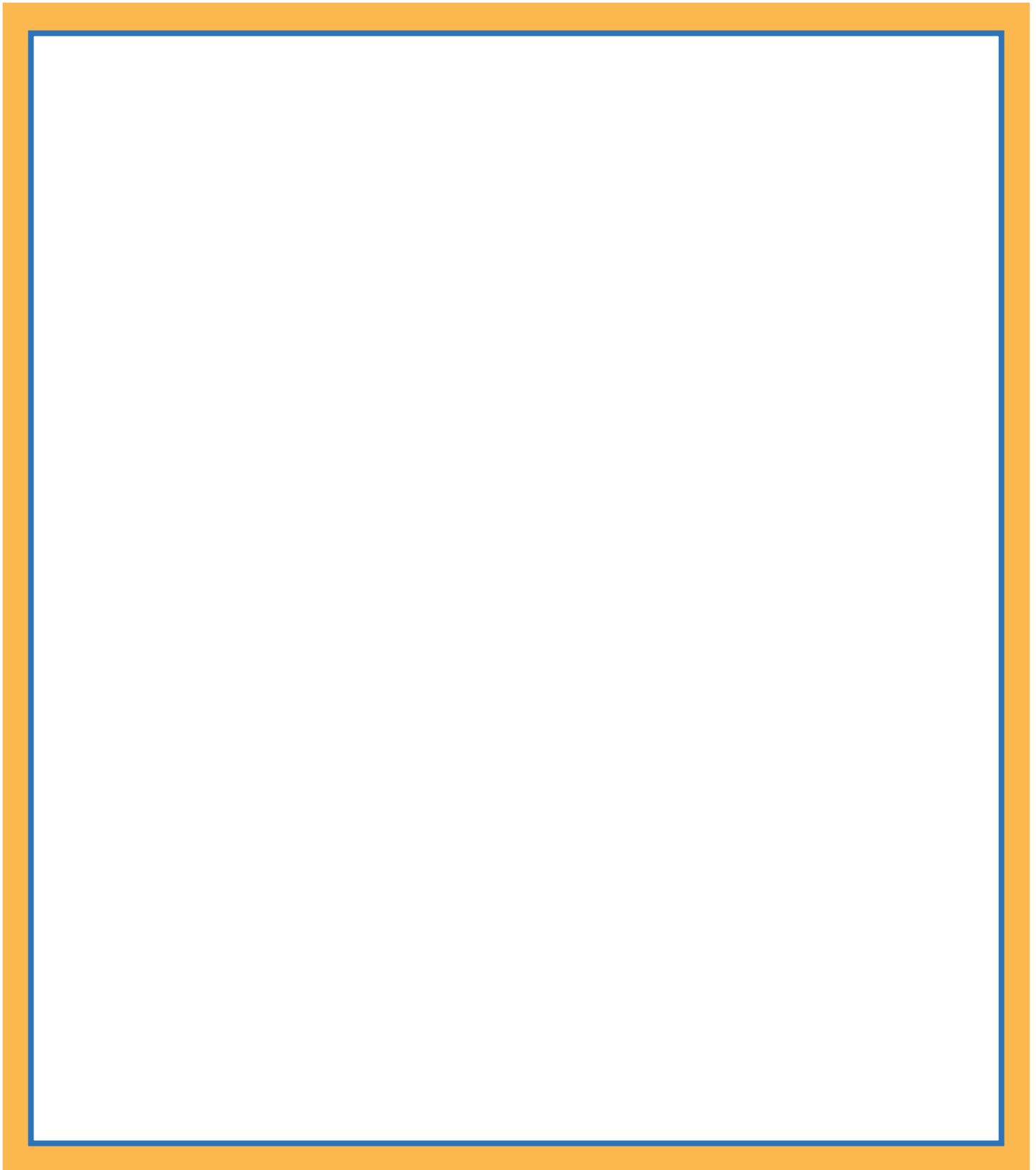
4. David's son would build a house for the Lord.

5. Nathan told David all that the Lord had shared with him.



Draw the Story

Think about today's lesson and draw a scene from the Bible story. (For example, you might draw Nathan and David talking or a picture of David in his house of cedar.)



December 15, 2024

LESSON

3



Preparing the Way

John's father, Zechariah [Zek-uh-rye-uh], was filled with the Holy Spirit. He began speaking God's message and praising God.

Zechariah said, "Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come to help His people and set them free. He has saved and rescued them. He has provided us a mighty Savior in the house of His servant David." This was God's promise through his prophets.

Zechariah continued telling the people that God is kind. God had remembered His holy covenant (agreement) to Abraham and the people. God had promised Abraham that He would rescue the people from their enemies. God would allow His people to serve Him without fear. God would make His people *holy* (pure) and right.

Zechariah then said to his son, John, "You, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High. You will go before the Lord to prepare the way for Him. You will preach about the forgiveness of *sin* (wrongdoing)."

John grew up, and his spirit became strong. He lived in the desert until he appeared before the people.



Lesson Scripture:
Luke 1:67-80

Key Verses

[Zechariah prophesied to John,] "You, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins." (Luke 1:76-77)



Getting Prepared

Mom was in the family room working on music for worship on Sunday. Each week, Koryn would watch her work hard. Mom came into the kitchen and found Koryn getting a snack.

"It must be snacking time for both of us," Mom said as she opened the cabinet to get a plate.

"Yes! You should be tired, Mom. You have been working on your music all morning," Koryn replied.

"I'm not tired," Mom said.

"Mom, why do you work so hard?" Koryn asked.

"I'm getting ready to prepare the people to hear from God. It's my job to help prepare the congregation through music.

So when Pastor preaches, they are prepared to hear," Mom responded.

"You are like the opening act to prepare people for the main show," Koryn commented.

"Well, kind of, but what I'm preparing them for is so much bigger and greater than any of us could imagine. I'm getting them ready for the Word of God," Mom replied.



Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, all! Ruby here. In today's Bible lesson, Zechariah *prophesied* (foretold) about his son, John, who would prepare the people for the coming of Christ. Just like Zechariah, Mom was preparing the way for the people to hear the message through her music. Zechariah had a purpose, and Mom did as well.

Let's discuss how you prepare to receive Jesus' blessings and tell people about Jesus. What would you need to do this week to be prepared for this? Think about ways to prepare to share Jesus' gift of salvation with others. Make a list and share it next week.

My heart is prepared to receive Jesus!

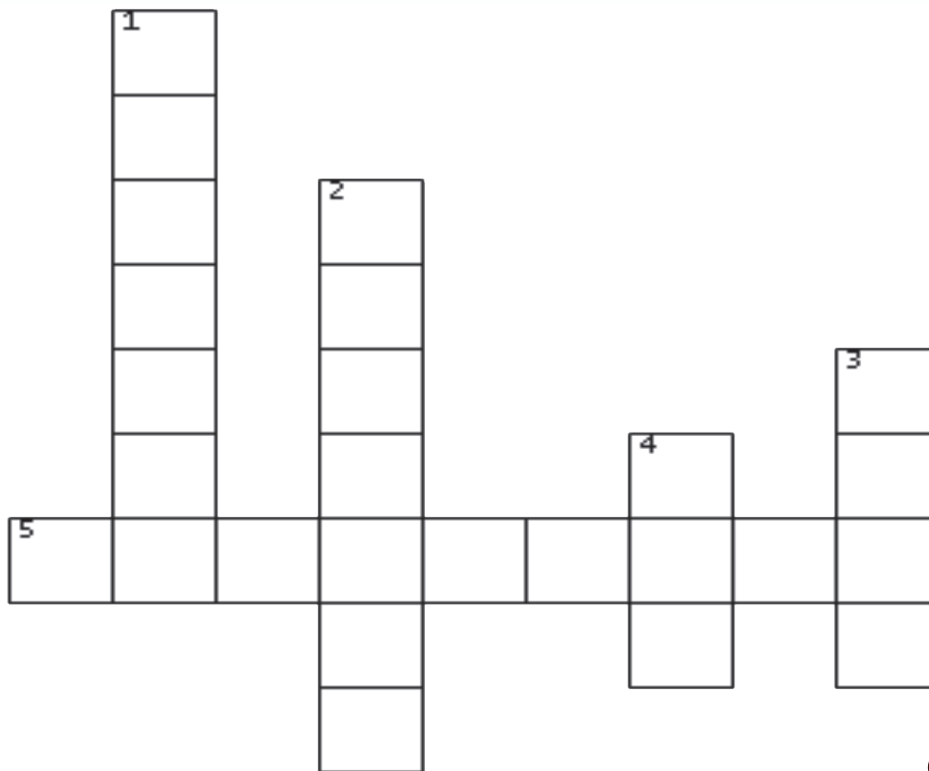


A "Bible Story" Crossword Puzzle

Use the clues below and the Word Box to fill words from today's lesson into the crossword puzzle.

WORD BOX

JOHN • PROMISE • PROPHET • SIN • ZECHARIAH



DOWN

1. God made a _____ to Abraham.
2. The one called to speak God's Word
3. He prepared the way for Jesus.
4. John preached forgiveness of _____.

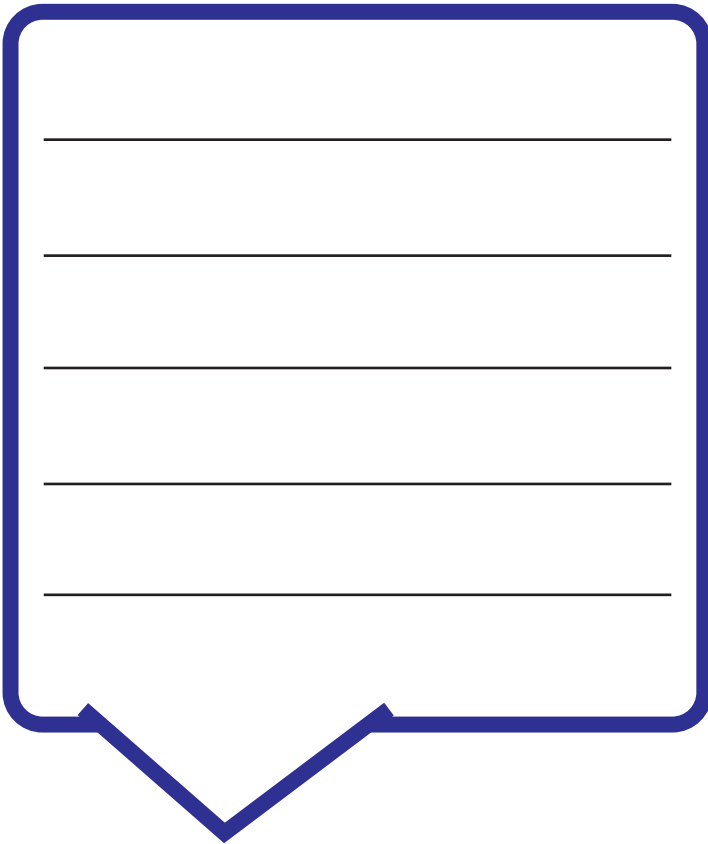
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5. John's father who spoke God's message



A Message to Prepare the Way!

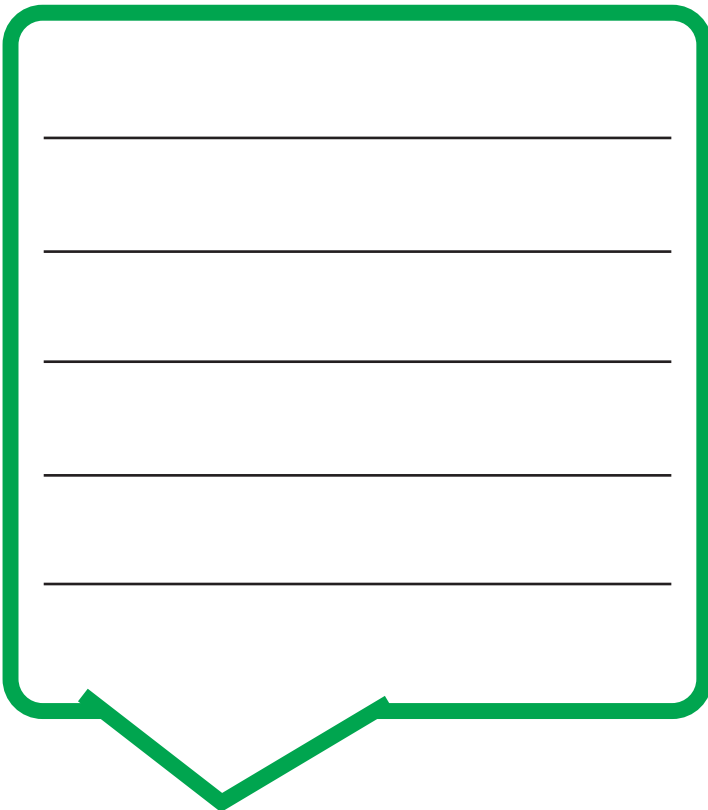
Fill in the bubbles below with four brief messages that Zechariah shared with the people in the Bible verses for today.



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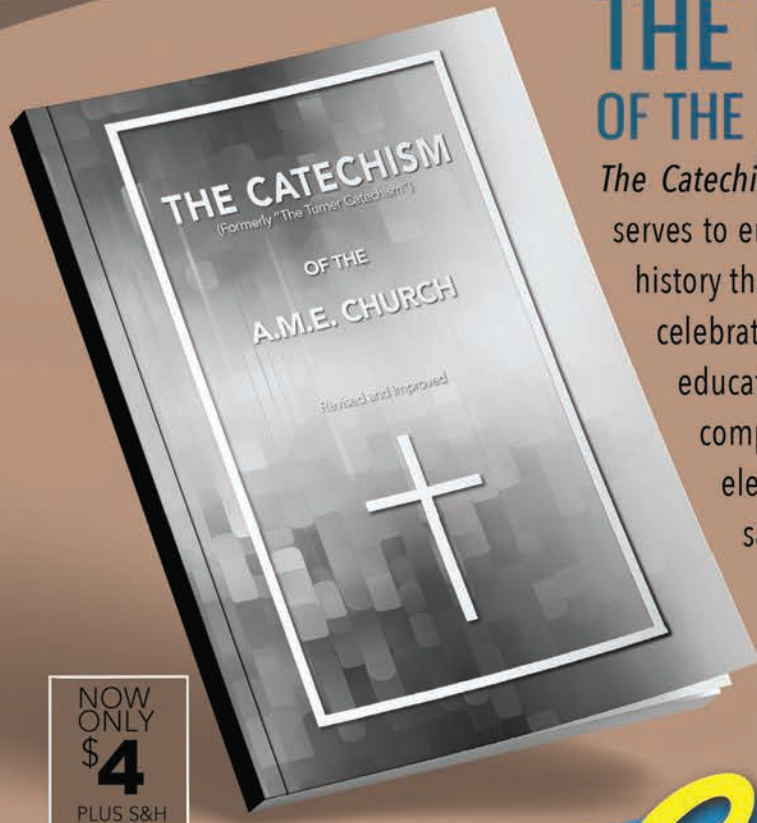


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