



Unit 12, Lesson 48

TODAY'S EPIC STORY: REVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

NEHEMIAH 9;
ZECHARIAH
9:9-16

THE STORY HOME

This week we heard again the story of God that we've been learning about in the Old Testament when the Israelites rediscovered the Book of the Law of Moses and confessed their sins to God. They recounted the ways God had been faithful to the Israelite people even when they had disobeyed God. We also learned that God promised to send a king for Israel that would be "gentle and riding on a colt." Then, for 400 years, no one heard a prophetic word from God. It was a time of silence in God's story, but He was still at work.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- What do you think it was like for God's people to rediscover the law God had given Moses? Many people were crying. Why do you think that was?
- When we look at the big picture of the story of God in the Old Testament, what does it tell us about God?
- Can you imagine 400 years of silence from God? Do you think that's a long time to God? What happened when God broke the silence?
- How does this Epic story relate to our lives today?

TOGETHER HOME

In this Epic story, the people retell the stories of their ancestors. They tell about times when people like Abraham and Moses had been faithful to God and about times when the Israelites had disobeyed God. Take some time around the dinner table or before bed to tell your family story. When have people in your family been faithful to God? When have they disobeyed God? What were the consequences of being faithful or being unfaithful?

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "When I will make a new covenant... I will be their God, and they will be my people." (Jeremiah 31:31, 33)

Draw a picture of what you think it will be like when Jesus returns and all of creation is set right again. What will things look like? What will we do? What will be different? Then, write the words of the verse somewhere in the picture.