

The Prophet Zechariah - God of the small things

Zechariah was another of God's prophets, someone who heard from God and passed on His messages to the people. His book in the Old Testament tells us what God thinks and in this week's Bible passage it is that God is concerned with the small things in our lives—that they are important to him.

Aim

To understand God knows you and has a plan for you.

Bible Passage

Zechariah 4 : 8-10

God uses people to spread his messages. To know that small things matter to God.

Challenge Time

Look around your you, what are the smallest things in your home? Are these things useful? What is their purpose? Why do we need these small things? Could you manage without them? See how many small things you can find in your house in one minute.

Sometimes we can think of the small things in our lives as less important than the big things. In our Bible passage today God wants to encourage us to see that it is from the small things that big things grow.

Bible Time

Read Zechariah 4 : 8-10 from your Bible or watch the video clip of Tamsin on the TMC website of Facebook page.

God spoke through Zechariah to encourage the governor of Jerusalem, Zerubbabel, who had started rebuilding the temple to carry on his work. God tells Zerubbabel to finish what he started, that He is pleased and God will be glorified by what he is doing. God is happy even though the work is slow, time consuming and done only a bit at a time. Small things, small works, small actions are important to God because these things grow into something much bigger. Think of a tiny bee working to pollinate flowers and make honey, by himself he might not make much of a difference but together with thousands of other tiny bees his work is very important. A small acorn has the potential to grow into a mighty Oak tree. God sees the potential in small things, small acts of faith can grow into a great love for God.

Small things can make a difference: Think of some small ways you can help make a difference to someone else's life. Helping someone, a friendly smile to cheer someone up, a phone call, letter, sharing a joke, for example. What can you think of?

Craft Time



Make this friendly bee to remind you that God loves small things and that they are very important to Him and our world.

1. Cut out a couple of circles of card, one to make the body and another to be the head, glue them together.
2. Cut out some wing shapes and glue these to the side of the body.
3. Using a pencil and a couple of blobs of blu-tac, make two finger sized holes to make legs.
4. Decorate your bee, add eyes and a mouth and colour in his body and wings. You could use wool or string to make antennae. Have fun playing with your busy bee!



Great things start off small and grow to be mighty! If you are interested in gardening you might like to try growing your very own Oak tree from an acorn. This is a long term project but could be amazing if your seed germinates and starts to grow. Follow this link to the RHS guide for families on how to grow one—good luck!!!

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/gardening-children-schools/family-activities/grow-it/grow/oak>



Worship Time

Join in with the singing online, or jump about to your own worship music cd.

Dear Almighty God, Thank you for loving me. Thank you that you care about the small things in my life. I'm sorry when I get things wrong, please help me to show kindness to others by the things that I do, Amen.