



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi
Unit 9, Lesson 43

Ezekiel and the Dry Bones

Lesson Aim: To understand what it means to have a new heart and a new life. (Salvation Message)

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is the strangest thing you have ever seen?

GAME: Ezekiel's Bones Match

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO IS LORD OF ALL

Read Worship Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform The Love Sub script or read storybook.

THE WORD EZEKIEL'S MESSAGE AND VISION FROM GOD

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Habakkuk wrote down God's answers to his questions.

Today, we will hear about Ezekiel, a prophet to the Jewish people in Babylon. Point to Babylon. Point to Ezekiel (Circa 593 B.C.). **Ezekiel spoke God's Word to the people who were captured and taken to Babylon. God gave Ezekiel visions and told him what to say. He told the people about God's promise of a new heart, a new spirit, and a new life!** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Ezekiel 18:30-32; 36:26-28; 37:4-6. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Ezekiel 36:26. Pray. Read.

THE WAY A NEW HEART, SPIRIT, AND LIFE

What was God's warning? (He would judge them for their choices.) **The Israelites felt as if their sins were weighing them down. How is a heart heavy with sin like a heart of stone? What choice did God give them?** (To repent and turn to God.) **What does "turn to God" mean to you? Having a heart hardened by sin is part of being human. What did God promise to do with our hard hearts?** (Remove them and give us hearts of flesh.) **What does God promise to put in us when He gives us a new heart?** (His Holy Spirit.) **By sending Jesus, God made the way for this promise to come true. You may not feel different, but your new heart helps you love others the way God loves them. The Holy Spirit helps you do things God's way instead of your own and**

helps you point others to Jesus. If you have Jesus in your heart, how has your new heart changed the way you feel about God and others? How has the Holy Spirit helped you do things God's way?

Let's take a quiet moment to help our hearts and minds listen to God. There are three different prayers you can choose to pray.

Prayer 1: **If you have Jesus in your heart, pray silently. Thank Him for being Lord of your life. Ask Him to help you follow Him.**

Prayer 2: **If you are not ready to ask Jesus to come into your heart, use this time to pray silently that He will help you know Him better.**

Prayer 3: **If you are ready to ask Jesus to come into your heart, and to be Lord of your life, pray with me. Lead in the ABC Prayer.**

When you ask Jesus to be Lord of your life, the Holy Spirit comes in your heart and makes it like new. God gives you life forever close with Him. What did God do to the dry bones? (Connected them, added muscle and skin, and breathed life into the bodies to make an army.) **What do you think the dry bones coming to life represents? At that time, they stood for the people of Israel. They also showed God's power to bring new life to something dead. How is having a heart of stone similar to being a pile of dry bones? If the dry bones stood for those whose hearts have turned away from God, what do you think the bones coming to life means? We can't earn a new heart or eternal life. God alone gives these gifts to all who believe in Jesus as Lord.**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 600 years later, Paul explained this gift with the word grace. Grace is giving people something good they do not deserve. It is by God's grace that He gives us a new heart and a new life forever close with Him. Reveal Ephesians 2:8-10. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Stone (draw on a heart with a cross inside)
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #43
- OFFERING OF ART: Ezekiel seeing the dry bones come to life
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Pretzel People

GAME: Weighed Down Relay

CRAFT: New Heart

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Praise Tag, Four Praise Corners

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW