



At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah–Malachi
Unit 9, Lesson 44

Ezekiel and the River

Lesson Aim: To know life and growth
come from God.

THE WELCOME

TREASURE CHEST

CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: Ezekiel and the River
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: By the River
- BLOCK CENTER: “Growing Things” Matching Game
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE CENTER: Bubbling Praise

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO IS LORD OF ALL

I am so thankful you are here today. You are each very special.
Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. **Dear God,**
thank You for making us each special in our own way. We praise
Your name. Amen.

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions. “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.” Psalm 150:6

THE WORD EZEKIEL AND THE RIVER

CLASSROOM PROMISE

Hold the baby. **When we are born, we all start out as little babies like this baby doll. What do babies do? Are you a baby now?** (No.) **What can you do that a baby can’t do? Who helped you grow and get bigger?** Note: Children may respond with Mom or Dad or another adult. If they do not answer, “God,” ask them “Who makes you bigger?”

God loves us so much that He gives life to us, to animals, and to plants and He makes everything grow. In our Bible story today, we will hear how Ezekiel’s dream about a river showed him that **God gives life to everyone and everything.** Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Ezekiel 47:12.

WATCH THE WORD: EZEKIEL 47:1-12

Read poem. Display visual.

- Ezekiel had a special dream,
- Where he saw a river flow.
- The river began at the temple,
- So it came from God, we know.

- It came up to Ezekiel’s ankles.
- Then, it rose up to his knees.
- It grew so deep it filled with fish.
- On each side, grew many trees.

- Everywhere the river flowed,
- Plants and fruit trees grew.
- The river stands for the life God gives
- To the world and me and you.

What was growing by the river? (Plants and fruit trees.) **What was the river filled with?** (Fish.) **What helps everything grow?** (God’s love.)

THE WAY LIFE FLOWS FROM GOD

CRAFT: God’s River of Life

GAMES: River of Life, What’s Growing

SNACK: Fruit by the River

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Ezekiel 47:1-12

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Praise Balloon, Instrument Praise

STORY TIME