



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
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

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "God gives life."

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO IS LORD OF ALL

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God who is Lord of All. That means He is the one in control of everything in heaven and on earth. He gives us life. Let's say today's Whisper Verse together. Review Whisper Verse together: "God gives life." Include sign language.

God gave Ezekiel a dream of a river that was flowing out of God's temple. Just as a river brings life to the fish in its waters and the plant on its shores, God brings life to everyone. He has made us, given us life, and He has always loved us. Sing: "The Lord Is Faithful."

Because God loved us, we know how to love one another. When we love one another, we are sharing His love. One way to share God's love with others is to give our offering to the church. The church's money goes to share God's love with many people all over the world. Sing: "Love One Another" while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

Sing: "We Love."

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

God gives life to everything. He wants everything that has breath to praise Him. Can you take a big deep breath in and out? Children inhale and exhale. **We all have breath, so we can all praise the Lord right now.** Sing: "Let Everything That Has Breath." Add motions such as clapping, spinning, dancing, and jumping.

THE WORD EZEKIEL'S VISION: THE RIVER FROM THE TEMPLE CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned God is our shepherd. He is always watching over us. Today, we will hear how Ezekiel's dream about a river showed him that God gives life to everyone. 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? (Fruit trees.) **Let's find our answer in the Bible.** Read Ezekiel 47:12 from the teacher's Bible.

In Ezekiel's dream, the river brought the trees and fruit to life. The river stands for the life given to everyone. Who gives life to everyone? (God.) **Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's say it together: "God gives life."** Include the sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY LIFE FLOWS FROM GOD

CRAFT: God's River of Life

GAMES: River of Life, What's Growing?

SNACK: Fruit by the River

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Ezekiel 47:1-12

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Praise Balloon Bop, Instrument Praise
STORY TIME