SESSION 2

Ezekiel Offered Hope

PDID IT!

Nothing is impossible for God! Read each set of Bible verses to see how God did something incredible that people cannot do. Then draw some lines: one from each statement to the correct image and one from each image to the matching Scripture reference.

God sent Jesus to earth as a baby.

God kept Daniel safe in the lions' den.

Jesus brought Lazarus back to life.

> Jesus died but rose again.

God made dead bones live again.

God parted the Red Sea.

God did not allow the men in the furnace to be burned.



Unscramble the words and fill in the blanks with the correct words. Some words may be used more than once. After you finish, check your work by reading Isaiah 55:8. What does this verse mean to you? Explain it to a friend.

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UNIT VERSE

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not my ways." This is the LORD's declaration. ISAIAH 55:8 (CSB)

Exodus 14:10-18

Ezekiel 37:1-6

Daniel 3:13-28

Daniel 6:16-22

Luke 1:26-35

Luke 24:1-8

John 11:17-23

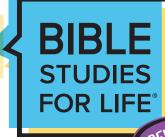
Ezekiel lived during a time of history when Israel was destroyed by Babylon. That is not the only time the Jewish people suffered. The Greeks and Romans persecuted the Jews. During World War II as many

as six million Jewish people were murdered. It is a true miracle that the Jews are still a nation. In 1948, their land was returned to them. This is part of what God promised in Ezekiel's vision.

Did You

Know?

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KIDS

THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today's Bible story helped your child learn that the Bible gives hope. Ezekiel prophesied to the exiles of Judah and Israel. God promised His people they would one day return and reunite as one nation.



LIVE IT OUT

Talk with your child about some situations that seem hopeless. Share that to the world many things might seem hopeless but that because of Jesus, we can have hope!



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

The Bible teaches how to live a Christian life.

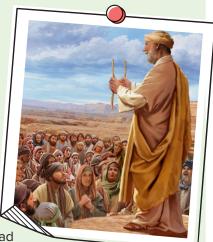
DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Ezekiel 37:27 Monday: Zephaniah 3:17 Tuesday: Isaiah 9:7 Wednesday: Daniel 2:44 Thursday: Romans 15:4 Friday: Proverbs 24:14 Saturday: Numbers 23:19 CONVERSATION

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EZEKIEL 37

The prophet Ezekiel was sad. Soldiers had taken Ezekiel and 10,000 other Israelites from their homes. They became captives in Babylon and lost their hope. They believed that God had forgotten them. *(2 Kings 24:10-17)*



God wanted His people to know He had the power to save them. He gave Ezekiel a vision. Ezekiel was awake during his vision, but God showed the prophet something He wanted to do for Israel. He brought Ezekiel to a valley full of brittle, dry bones. God asked, "Can these dry bones live?"

Ezekiel told God that only He would know. God said, "Speak to the bones. Say, 'Dry bones, hear the Word of the Lord! God says He will give you breath and flesh and skin. Then you will know that He is the Lord!'"

As Ezekiel spoke, the bones began to rattle and come together. Skin covered them, but there was no breath in the bones.

Then God told Ezekiel, "Say this, 'Breath, come from the four winds. Breathe life into these bodies so they will live!'" Ezekiel followed God's instructions. The bones came to life and stood like an army!

God said, "These bones are like the people. They have said, 'Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost.' But I will bring all of you back to your own land. You will know that I am the Lord."

God told Ezekiel to write on a stick: "This stick belongs to Judah and his kingdom." Then God told Ezekiel to write on a second stick: "This stick belongs to Joseph and his kingdom." The first stick represented God's people living in the south. The second stick represented God's people living in the north. God told Ezekiel to hold the sticks together in one hand like one single stick. God would bring the kingdoms together.

God promised that He would take them back to their land and live there with them. He would be their God, and they would be His people.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Ezekiel 37:27

LIFE POINT: The Bible gives people hope.



TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out the *Ezekiel Offered Hope* section of the Bible Studies for Life: Kids Family App.