



WHO had the hand of the Lord on him?

WHAT did the Lord instruct the prophet to do?

WHO did the dry bones represent?

WHAT did the Lord promise to open up?

WHEN would the Israelites know that God was the Lord?

WHAT did the two sticks symbolize?

WHO would be king over the united nation?

WHERE did God say they would live forever?

WHERE would God, Himself, live forever?

WHY does this story matter to us?

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



GOD,

I believe you
can make

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come alive.

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CONVERSATION

Ezekiel Offered Hope

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!

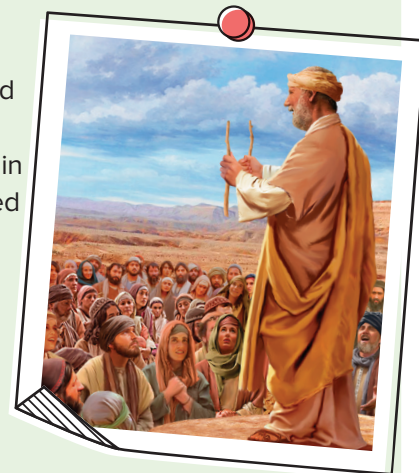
God said, "These bones are like the people. They have said, 'Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost.' But I will bring all of you back to your own land. You will know that I am the Lord."

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.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today's Bible story helped your preteen 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 preteen 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 by following Jesus.

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

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

