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CHURCH AT HOME



Ezekiel Gave Hope

BIBLE PASSAGE: Ezekiel 37 **KEY PASSAGE**: 2 Chronicles 7:14 **MAIN POINT**: God planned to

send Jesus.

Big Picture Question: How did God plan to fix what sin broke?

Before He created the world, God planned to send the Messiah to rescue sinners.

Catechism Question: Q: Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back

punishment and be brought back into God's favor?

A: Yes, to satisfy His justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment of sin, by a Redeemer.

SUPPLY LIST:

• One Big Story Bible Storybook

The Bible Story: Ezekiel and the Dry Bones

BIBLE POINTS

- God showed Ezekiel some dry bones.
- God promised to bring His people back to their land.
- God gives us hope through Jesus.



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TELL THE BIBLE STORY (5 minutes)

SIT DOWN with your children and share a snack together. Cuddle each other close and fully engage with them when reading the Bible story. Provide a bible for your baby to hold and open. Open your Bible to **Ezekiel 37**. If you have The One Big Story Bible Storybook, you can follow along on page 138, Ezekiel and the Dry Bones.

Ezekiel was one of God's prophets living in Babylon. God gave Ezekiel a vision—like a dream, but Ezekiel was awake. God showed Ezekiel a valley of dry bones. God said, "Can these bones live?" Ezekiel said, "Only You know, God." God told Ezekiel to tell the bones to live, and they did! The bones rattled and came together, and the breath came back into the bones to make them live. They stood on their feet! God showed Ezekiel what He was going to do for His people. God's people were sad and without hope, like the dry bones. God was going to give them hope, and He would bring them back to their land forever.



God promised to bring His people back to their land. God gave His people hope. **GOD PLANNED TO SEND JESUS.** Jesus gives us life with God forever

SING

Have your kids sing along: Dry Bones (Dem Bones) https://youtu.be/HrzBsUtUdts



God's people were living in a faraway land, but God promised to bring His people back to their land. **GOD PLANNED TO SEND JESUS** to rescue His people from sin. Jesus gives us life with God forever.

CATECHISM QUESTION

Q: Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?

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A: Yes, to satisfy His justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment of sin, by a Redeemer.



If you are able, please consider downloading the **New City Catechism app** on either the <u>App Store</u> or <u>Google Play</u>.

There are short, simple songs that correspond to some of the catechism questions. To play the song, click the play button in the bottom right corner.

This is a great way for kids to memorize and internalize foundations of the Christian faith.

PRAY

PRAY -Dear Lord, Please bless our eyes so that we may see your glory everywhere surrounding us. Open our ears so that we may hear your words clearly. Lord give our mouths the clarity to speak your name to everyone we meet. And please Lord, widen our hearts so that we may love all that we come in contact with. In Jesus' name, Amen.

EXPERIENCE & APPLY THE STORY

OPTION 1: Pasta Skeleton Craft

Supplies:

- 1. Different types of pasta.
- 2. Glue.
- 3. Cardstock or Cardboard.
- 4. Marker.

Description/Make:

Think of what a skeleton looks like...The head, spine, arms, ribs, hands, hips, legs, and feet. Now find different types of pasta that can represent each type of bone for your skeleton. Glue down your pasta onto the cardstock or cardboard once you have laid out your skeleton. Be creative with your pasta.

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You can use your marker to write "And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord." Ezekiel 37:14



God showed Ezekiel some dry bones to give His people hope. Only God can make dry bones come to life. **GOD PLANNED TO SEND JESUS**. God gives us hope through Jesus. Jesus gives us life with God forever.

OPTION 2: Coloring Page and Activity Pages (crayons, markers)

Have your child use crayons or markers to color the sheet on the next page.



God showed Ezekiel some dry bones. Breath came back into the bones and they became alive. God gave His people hope. God gives us hope through Jesus. **GOD PLANNED TO SEND JESUS.**

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