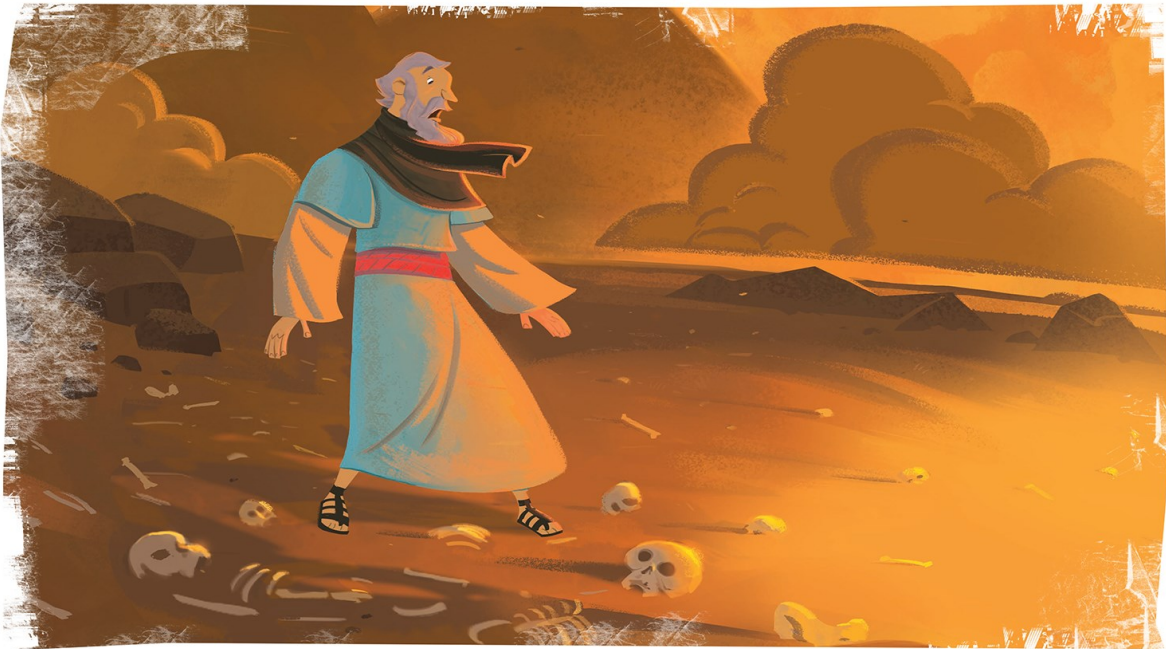


Sunday, November 1

Crossgates
Preschool &



Ezekiel Gave Hope

PICTURE QUESTION: How did God plan to fix what sin broke? God planned to send Jesus.

BIBLE PASSAGE:

Ezekiel 37

STORY POINT: God planned to bring His people home.

KEY PASSAGE:

2 Chronicles 7:14

Christ Connection: When we disobey God, we are like the dead bones God showed Ezekiel. But God gave us Jesus to take away our sin. When we turn from sin and trust Jesus, He gives us life so we can be with God forever.

Ezekiel Gave Hope

Ezekiel 37

Ezekiel was with God's people when they were taken as prisoners to Babylon. God gave Ezekiel a vision. In this vision, God took Ezekiel to a valley. The valley was filled with old, dry bones. Ezekiel walked through the valley. God asked Ezekiel, "Can these bones come to life?"

Ezekiel said, "God, only You know if these bones can come to life."

God said, "Talk to these bones for Me. Say, 'Dry bones, hear what God says: I will give you breath, and you will come to life. I will give you a body. Then you will know that I am God.'" Ezekiel began talking to the bones. All of a sudden, there was a rattling noise.

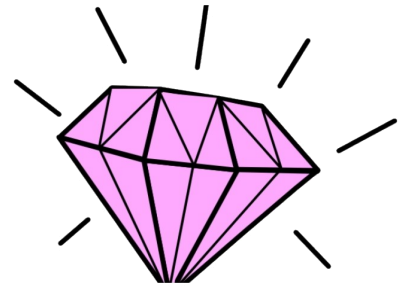
The bones were moving and coming together like God had said. God said, "Talk to the breath for Me. Say, 'This is what God says: Breath, come into these bones! Make them alive!'" Ezekiel talked to the breath, **and** the breath went into **the bones**. The bones **came to life, and a big army stood up in front of Ezekiel.**

God said, "My people are like these bones. They think they are dried up. They do not think they have a future. I want you to talk to My people for Me." God told Ezekiel what to say to the people of Israel. "Say: I am going to bring My people back to the land of Israel. I will give them life in their own land, and they will know that I am God."

Then God told Ezekiel to pick up two sticks. The first stick was for the people of Judah, and the second stick was for the people of Israel. Ezekiel held the two sticks together in one hand so they were like one stick. God said He was going to bring Judah and Israel back together. They would not be two separate nations anymore. They would be one nation again.

God's people were also going to get a new king! This new king would be like a shepherd. **God promised that His people would go home** to their land, **and they would never be taken away again. "I will be with them," God said. "I will be their God, and they will be My people."**

Gospel Gems



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

Talk About It

- What did Ezekiel see in the vision?** a valley filled with old, dry bones.
- What happened when Ezekiel spoke God's words to the bones?** They came to life.
- Who are the dead bones like?** God's people, us.
- What did God promise His people?** to bring them home forever and to be with them
- How did God plan to fix what sin broke?** God planned to send Jesus.

Hands-on Activity

Champion Award OR Drawing Bones

SUPPLIES:

- Crayons or Marker
- Q-tips
- Gems
- Other (your choice)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Champion Award: child's choice of how they want to decorate their award
- Drawing Bones: use Q-tips as bones and glue them down in the little boy/girl drawing.

Find the Differences

INSTRUCTIONS: Look at the two pictures and circle the differences in the bottom picture.



Preschool Activity Pages
Unit 15 • Session 6
Ezekiel Gave Hope

BIBLE STORY:

- God gave Ezekiel a vision of a valley filled with old, dry bones.
- God made the bones come to life.
- God said His people thought they were like those bones, but God planned to bring His people home and give them life.

KEY PASSAGE: 2 Chronicles 7:14

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- How did God plan to fix what sin broke? God planned to send Jesus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why did God's people think they were like the bones God showed Ezekiel? How are we like the bones?
- Talk about what would it feel like to live far away from your home or your family.
- What does God give us when we turn from sin and trust in Jesus?

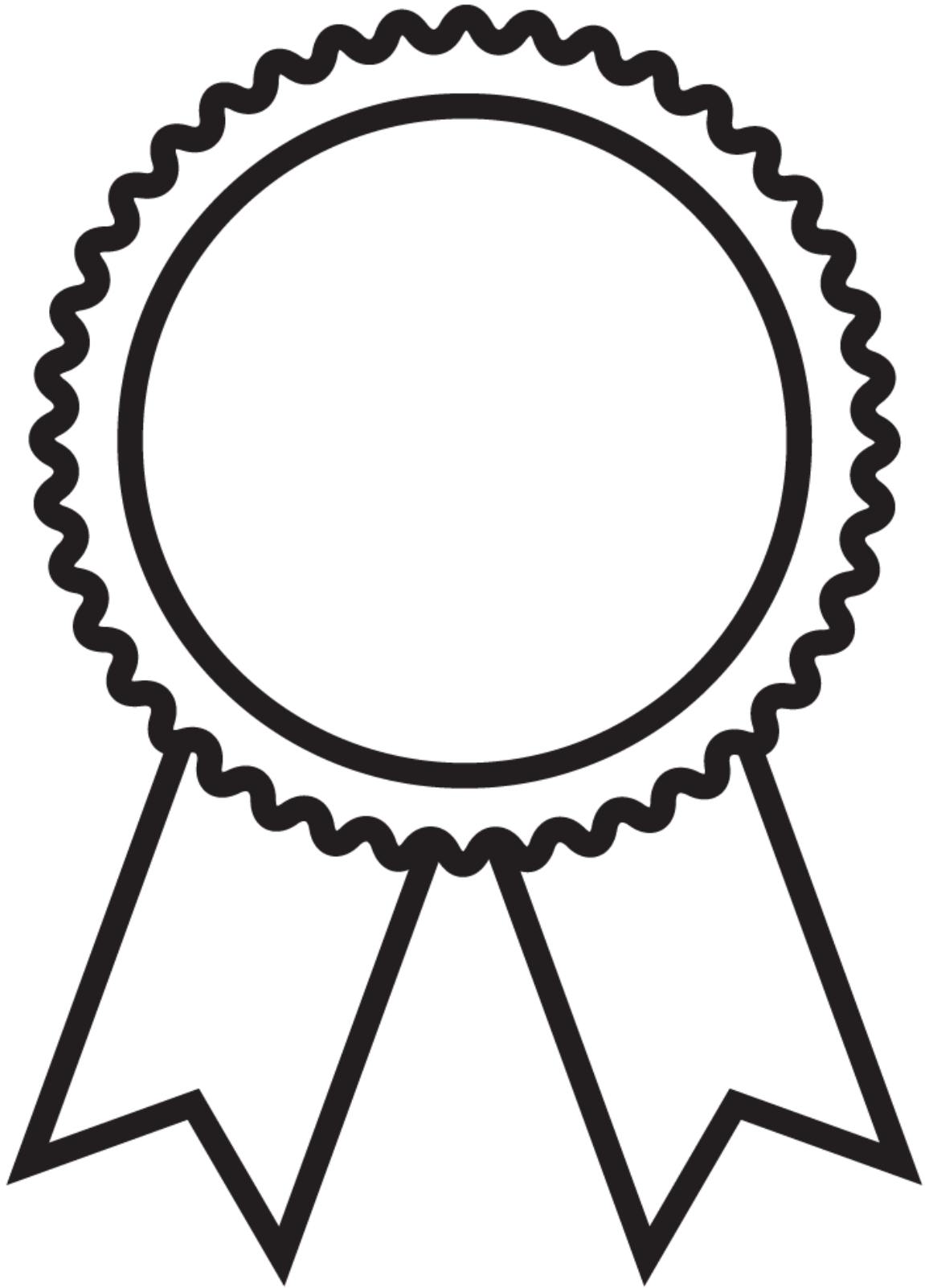
FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Look online at a child-friendly diagram of the skeletal system. Help preschoolers feel and name their bones. Review the Bible story.
- Ask permission to pick up sticks in a neighbor's yard. Read and review Ezekiel 37:15-19.



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