



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

Ezekiel Gave Hope

Ezekiel 37

STORY POINT: GOD PLANNED TO BRING HIS PEOPLE HOME AND GIVE THEM NEW LIFE.

Ezekiel the prophet had been taken with God's people to Babylon. Even in captivity, God gave Ezekiel visions so he could tell God's people about the future. One day, God gave Ezekiel a vision. God led Ezekiel through a valley filled with old, dry bones. God asked Ezekiel, "Can these bones come to life?" Ezekiel replied, "Lord God, only You know."

God said, "Speak to these bones for Me. Say, 'This is what God says: I will put breath in you, and you will come to life.'" Ezekiel spoke to the bones. Suddenly, there was a noise—a rattling sound. The bones were coming together.

God said, "Speak to the breath for Me. Say, 'This is what God says: Breath, come into these bones so that they may live!'"

Ezekiel did, and the breath entered the bones. They came to life, and a vast army stood before Ezekiel. God said, "These bones are like My people of Israel. I want you to speak to them for Me." God told Ezekiel to say, "This is what God says: I am going to bring My people back to the land of Israel. I will put My Spirit in you, and you will live."

God told Ezekiel to hold two sticks together so they would become one single stick. God said, "My people will live forever in the land I gave to their ancestors." God would make a covenant of peace with His people forever.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What did the dry bones Ezekiel saw in the valley represent?
- How does God make dead people alive? (See Ephesians 2:4-5.)
- How has Jesus changed your life or the life of someone you know?

Christ Connection: Apart from Jesus, we are like the dry bones Ezekiel saw. God showed Ezekiel His power to make dead people alive. We see God's power at the cross. Jesus died to save sinners. God raised Jesus from the dead, and He gives us eternal life.