

Biblical Drama based on Ezekiel 37:1-14

Character Parts: Narrators 1-5, God, Ezekiel, Dead Bodies

Narrator 1: There was once a prophet named Ezekiel. He lived most of his life in Babylon, far from his home, along with many other exiled Jewish people who had been conquered years earlier by the Babylonians. This time was hard for the Jews, but God never forgot about them.

God: Ezekiel! I want to show you something.

Narrator 2: Ezekiel was suddenly carried up in the spirit and set down in a very dry valley.

Ezekiel: Wow! That's never happened before!
(*looking around*) Where are we? Lord, I don't mind going on a trip, but —

God: But what?

Ezekiel: Well ... it's not a very nice place here. What are all those white things scattered around? Is that trash or garbage?

God: Look closely.

Ezekiel: Wait a minute! Are those *bones*? What happened here? Was there a battle?

Narrator 3: God led Ezekiel as they walked around. He saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.

Ezekiel: You know, Lord, I'd much rather see a valley filled with flowers, or even just plain grass. Can you show me something like that instead?

God: Ezekiel. Do you think these bones can live?

Ezekiel: What?

God: I said, can these bones live?

Ezekiel: Only you know the answer to that, my Lord. But personally, I don't see how dry bones can live. They're done for. Finished. Dead.

God: Prophecy over these bones, Ezekiel. Speak to them and tell them that I, the Lord, will cause breath to enter them. Then, they shall live again.

Ezekiel: If you want me to do that, Lord, I will.

But like I said, these bones look a bit beyond saving, if you know what I mean.

Narrator 2: Nevertheless, Ezekiel did as God commanded, and preached to the bones. Suddenly the bones starting coming together with a rattle, creak, and bump! Skin and muscles began to cover them.
(*Use wood blocks or knock on a tabletop to create sound effects, as the dead bodies stand up and remain still.*)

Ezekiel: What going on? (*watching*) Hey! Would you look at that? The bones are turning into real people, right before my eyes! But wait; they aren't breathing.

God: One more thing — Ezekiel, say to the breath of the Spirit, "Thus says the LORD: Come from the four winds and breathe on these people, that they may live."

Narrator 3: Again, Ezekiel did as God had commanded, and preached to the breath. The Spirit came and filled the valley and the people who had once been dead. They came to life!
(*The dead bodies breathe deeply and begin to move around.*)

Ezekiel: Wow! You can breathe, and move, and talk! You're real, living people now. I must say, you all look marvelous. What an amazing miracle! Praise be to God!

God: Son of man, these bones are like the whole nation of Israel. They, too, have felt dried up and cut off and hopeless. But tell my people that I will raise them up, as I did to these bones, and I will bring them home.

Ezekiel: Did you say the word "home"? You're going to bring us back to Israel?

God: Yes. I have spoken, and I will do as I said. But something even greater is yet to come! Just as I brought these bones back to life; someday I will even make all the dead rise to life again!