

Lesson 5: Resurrection

Today's Bible Story

Ezekiel was one of God's prophets. His calling was to preach to the Israelites while they were living far from home, in Babylon. Ezekiel tried to convince people to return to God. But he also wanted them to know that God was good and holy and would never give up on them.

One day, Ezekiel had a vision in which he saw a valley of dry bones. Looking around, he heard God say, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

Ezekiel didn't know how to answer, so he said: "Lord God, only you know."

Then God spoke again. "Say to these bones, 'Thus says the Lord: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will cause flesh and skin to cover you; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'"

So Ezekiel did as God had commanded. As he was speaking, the bones began to rattle and come together. But still, there was no breath in them.

However, God was not finished yet. "Say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord: Come from the four winds and breathe on these bones, that they may live,'" God said. Again, Ezekiel did as God had asked — and the bones came to life! They became living people and stood on their feet.

Finally, God said, "Son of man, these bones are like the Israelites. They say, 'We are cut off, dried up, and hopeless.' Therefore, I want you to go to them and say, Thus says the Lord: Behold, I will raise you up and bring you back into the land of Israel. I'll put my Spirit within you, and you shall live. Then you'll know that I am the Lord. I have spoken, and I will do it!"



From Ezekiel 37:1-14

Bible Rhyme

There was a prophet, long ago,
who saw a vision full of woe:
A valley that was filled quite high
with lots of bones — all of them dry.

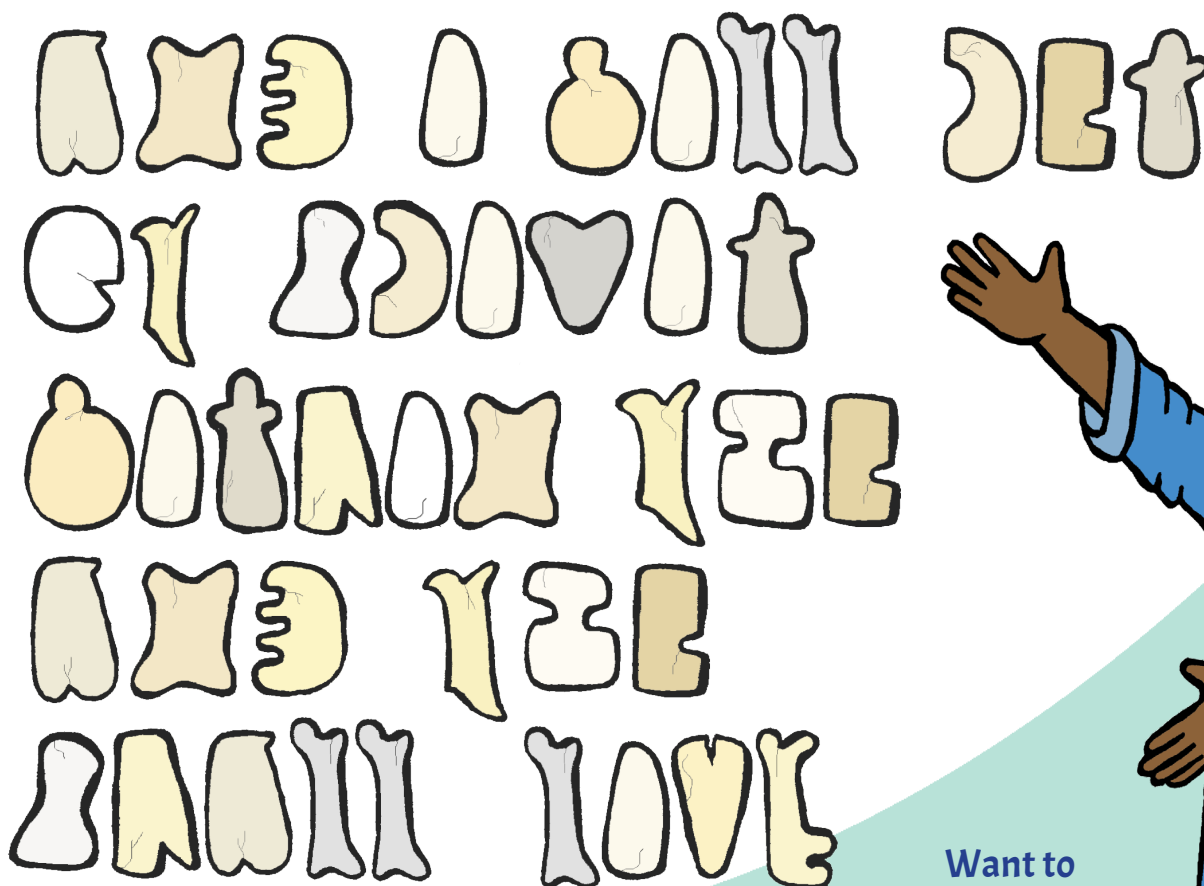
But then God spoke aloud and said,
"These bones are lifeless, dry and dead,
yet I will give them breath again.
Go prophesy and speak to them!"

So the Prophet Zeke obeyed.
He began to preach and then to pray.
Those bones stood up! They came alive!
And suddenly, hope was revived.

God has a message for these dry bones, and for all people who have no hope. What is it?

Look for the shape of each bone in the pile at the bottom of the page.

Then, write the letters in the matching “bone blank” shapes Ezekiel is pointing to!



Want to
check your answer?
Look up:
Ezekiel 37:14a
(ESV)



What is it called when God raises us up to new life?
