

K-5th Grade
Ezekiel Gave Hope
Activity Ideas

BIBLE PASSAGE: Ezekiel 37

STORY POINT: God planned to bring His people home and give them new life.

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Chronicles 7:14

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How did God plan to fix what sin broke? Before He created the world, God planned to send the Messiah to save sinners.

Hearts of stone

Give each kid a sheet of construction paper. Provide glue and a few cups filled with small pebbles. Help the kids draw a heart shape on their paper and glue pebbles to the paper along the outline they drew. Then help kids write the story point in the center of their pebble hearts.

SAY •God planned to bring His people home and give them new life. Ezekiel wrote about this by saying that God would take people’s hearts of stone and give them hearts of flesh. Stone is cold and nonliving. Flesh is warm and alive. Sin causes all the brokenness we experience, including the dead, stony hearts we are born with. How did God plan to fix what sin broke? Before He created the world, God planned to send the Messiah to save sinners. Through Jesus, God has provided a way for our dead, sinful hearts to be brought to life and filled with love for God.

Noisy orchestra

Explain to the group that they are now an orchestra. Assign each kid one of three sounds: pat legs, click (tap pencils together), blow. Instruct the “leg patters” to sit at one side of the room, the “clickers” to sit in the center, and the “blowers” to sit to the other side. Then demonstrate hand motions you will make. Begin with your hands together near your waist. That means kids should make their noises quietly. As you raise your hands up and apart, kids should increase their volume. Bring your hands back down and together to quiet the noise. Raise them up again before holding your hands in fists to signal kids to stop the noise.

SAY •God showed Ezekiel a vision to communicate how God planned to bring His people home and give them new life. God told Ezekiel to speak to the bones. At first, Ezekiel heard a rattling sound as the bones in the valley came together. [Conduct the “knee patters” to pat quietly.] Then God sent breath into the bones. [Conduct the “blowers” to blow gently.] The breath entered the bones, and they came to life. Ezekiel also had a vision of two sticks coming together. [Conduct the “clickers” to tap their pencils quietly. Finally, conduct everyone to increase in volume and then make fists to end the noise.] When we are dead in our sin, God has the power to give us life. This is good news we can share with everyone we meet.