

# Ezekiel

## Trigger

### The Rebellion Of Balloons

#### Material

- Balloons to inflate
- Painter's tape



#### Steps

1. Form a square on the floor with painter's tape (large enough for several children to enter).
2. Divide your group into two: one group will be inside the square, the other outside.
3. Ask the children to inflate balloons.
4. Ask the children who have the balloons to stay outside and lean on the classroom walls.
5. Ask the children outside to hit the balloons to propel them into the air and once propelled to keep them in the air without using their hands, just blowing on them. They must continue to blow on the balloons to keep them suspended in the air.
6. Children inside the square should hear the balloons well and prevent them from entering the square. Nor should they use their hands, only their breath. If a balloon lands in one of the zones, it scores a point for the opposing team.
7. Play until all the balloons have landed on the ground.

#### Analogy

- The people in the square are like the children of Israel in today's lesson, blinded by their sins. Balloons are like the word of God. The people of Israel did not want the word of God anywhere near them. They did not want to hear Ezekiel's message. But people have learned that when they disobey God, they lack blessings.
- The others who tried to send the balloons into the square are like Ezekiel who was trying very faithfully to deliver the message even if those in the square (the people of Israel) were trying to get away from it.
- God can call us to do something for him. Maybe the people around us don't appreciate our mission or what we have to say.
- Ezekiel was chosen to be a prophet of God to speak to the Israelites who were exiled to Babylon. It was not an easy task for Ezekiel. The people of Israel were rebellious and did not want to listen to it.
- Ezekiel still persevered in the task that God entrusted to him.

## Key Verse

### Ezekiel 2:5

## Multimedia & Clips

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### Images

[freebibleimages.org](http://freebibleimages.org)

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### Clip-YouTube

1. Overview: Ezekiel 1-33
2. Ezekiel: Old Testament Heroes - 5 Minute Family Devotional
3. God's Story: Prophets

## Object Lesson

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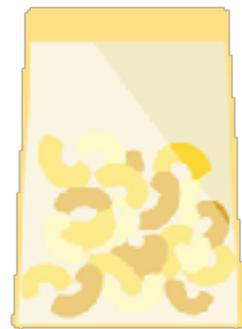
### The Bag Of Macaroni

#### Material

- Bag of macaroni

#### Steps

1. Show the children the bag of macaroni and do the following object lesson.
  1. Yum, yum! Look what I have... macaroni! I love macaroni, do you? Would you like a taste of my macaroni?
  2. Give the children some of your dry and uncooked macaroni.
  3. It doesn't quite look like the macaroni my mother used to do. I wonder if it tastes good. (Eat some macaroni.)
  4. Hum... it seems that something is missing - what do you think these macaroni need? These macaroni were not cooked.
  5. The first thing we need to do is put them in a little water and boil them on top of the stove until they become tender.
  6. Then we have to drain the water and add other things to make the taste good. We have to add some milk and cheese and mix it all together.
  7. Finally, we can put them in the oven and cook them for about 20 minutes to make them gratin. This will really bring the dry macaroni to life.



Macaroni



8. These dry macaroni remind me of a story in the Bible. This is the story of the prophet Ezekiel. God took Ezekiel and showed him a valley filled with dry bones. They were scattered everywhere and there was no life in them. God spoke to Ezekiel and asked him, "Can these bones be revived?" Well, Ezekiel didn't know what to say. "O Lord," he said, "only you know the answer to that." Then God spoke to Ezekiel and said to him, "Speak to these bones, and tell them: Dry bones, listen to the word of the Lord! Here's what the Lord says: Look, I'm going to give you flesh and muscle. I'll cover you with skin, I'll blow on you and you'll come to life."
9. Ezekiel said the message as God had told him. As he spoke, there was a rattling sound across the valley and the bones came together and formed complete skeletons. Then the muscles and flesh formed on the bones and the skin covered their bodies. Eventually the winds came and filled the bodies with breath and they became alive!
10. Look at these macaroni again - they're dry, hard and not very good at all. Looks like nothing can make them good at first glance. But we know that if we boil them for ten minutes and add milk and cheese, we will have something very good.
11. It's like that when we face something that's very hard in our lives. Sometimes it's hard to think that something good can happen because everything is like in the valley of dry bones. But just as we know that these macaroni can become very good, we know that the difficult things in our lives can completely change. Just as God brought life into the valley of dry bones with the breath of His Holy Spirit, God can change the bad things in our lives and he will do so when we trust him.

## Songs

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[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

- God is Good
- Soon and Very Soon

## The Heart Of The Father

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### & Prayer

Ezekiel is quite a fascinating character! The Father created him with great imagination and an ability to describe what he saw.

The Father created us all with an artistic side. For some, it is more developed in one area than in another. Example: some are more adept at drawing and others are more adept at making Lego block structures. We all have an artistic side in us simply because we were created in the image of the Father and he is the greatest of artists, the best.

Show children images of nature, so they can see the artistic side of the Creator.

When God made the earth, he could have made it in black and white. Well, no, no, no, no, no, no, It is filled with colors and, it is filled with different scents, and all that, for the pleasure of our eyes and our nose! Let's

look at humans, we're all different. It's fascinating! We're all unique. Look at your hands! Try to find another hand in the class exactly like yours (allow time to do so). You won't find any, because we're all unique.

## Prayer

"Thank you Father for the beauty of nature, thank you because you have created a very beautiful environment for us to live there, you are the best of the creators. Thank you for creating me unique, thank you for loving me and taking good care of me. I love you. Amen."

## Application: My body is unique

Did you know you could know the size of your foot by looking at your forearm? (By measuring from your wrist to your elbow.)

Did you know I could know how great you were by using your arms? (By measuring them from one end to the other.)

Did you know I can know the size of your heart using your hands? (By sticking both fists together.)

## Craft

### Creative As Your Creator

#### Material

- White letter size cards
- Sharpie Felt markers
- Rubbing alcohol
- Brushes



#### Steps

1. Give a white cardboard to each child.
2. Ask them to colour it with the Sharpies.
3. Pour a few drops of rubbing alcohol on the cardboard.
4. Ask the children to spread the alcohol with a brush (they can also simply move the cardboard so that the alcohol spreads).

## Activity

### The Skeletons That Come Alive!

#### Material

- Skeleton template ([skeleton attachment- Craft Ezekiel](#))
- Scissors





- Cardboard box or black construction paper
- Glue

## Steps

1. Print the skeleton template (one for each child).
2. Ask the kids to cut out all the pieces.
3. Ask them to glue them all on a cardboard box or black construction paper, taking care to assemble them well. Tell them to follow the pattern on the template.

## Physical Activity

### Who Has The Most Bones?

#### Material

- Cotton swabs (which represent bones)
- Dishes (as many teams as there are)



#### Steps

1. Before class, spread the most cotton swabs to the ground.
2. Divide children into two or more groups.
3. Tell the children that at the start signal, they must pick up one cotton swab at a time and drop it off in the valley (a dish) of their team.
4. The game ends when all the cotton swabs have been picked up.
5. The winning team is the one that has collected the most cotton swabs (the most bones).

## Snack

### The Valley Of Bones

#### Material

- White chocolate to melt
- Pretzels
- Small marshmallows
- Waxed paper



#### Steps

1. Melt the white chocolate in the microwave.
2. Meanwhile, ask the children to cut the pretzels into different sizes and insert marshmallows at each end.
3. Ask the children to dip the "bones" in the white chocolate and place them on wax paper until they are dry.