



# ONE STORY

GOD'S PLAN TO RESTORE

DANIEL 3 - MALACHI 4

**God's Promise of Resurrection: Ezekiel & Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37)**

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## **One Story Resources** – Day 225

- **Reading Plan**
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The hand of the Lord came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. **Ezekiel 37:1 NKJV**

Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and indeed *they were* very dry. **Ezekiel 37:2 NKJV**

And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord God, You know." **Ezekiel 37:3 NKJV**

Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! **Ezekiel 37:4 NKJV**

Thus says the Lord God to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. **Ezekiel 37:5 NKJV**

I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I *am* the Lord." ' ' **Ezekiel 37:6 NKJV**

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. **Ezekiel 37:7 NKJV**

Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but *there was* no breath in them. **Ezekiel 37:8 NKJV**

Also He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ’ ” **Ezekiel 37:9 NKJV**

So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. **Ezekiel 37:10 NKJV**

Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!’ **Ezekiel 37:11 NKJV**

Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. **Ezekiel 37:12 NKJV**

Then you shall know that I *am* the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. **Ezekiel 37:13 NKJV**

I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken *it* and performed *it*,” says the Lord.’ ” **Ezekiel 37:14 NKJV**

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. **John 11:25 NKJV**

## **Jesus resurrecting Israel nationally**

**Matthew 24**

**Romans 11**

## **Jesus resurrecting people physically**

**Daniel 12**

**1 Thessalonians 4**

## **Jesus resurrecting people spiritually**

**Ephesians 2**

**Ephesians 1**

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. **John 11:25 NKJV**

And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this? **John 11:26 NKJV**

**This Week's [One Story Bible Readings](#):**

- 218. Esther 3, Esther 4, Proverbs 21:1
- 219. Esther 5, Esther 6, Esther 7
- 220. Esther 8, Esther 9, Esther 10
- 221. Ezra 1, 2 Chronicles 36:15-23, Isaiah 45:1-7
- 222. Ezra 2, Jeremiah 29:10-14, Psalm 126
- 223. Ezra 3, Ezra 4, Ephesians 2:19-22
- 224. Reflection & Prayer

**NURSERY**

# WE CAN TALK TO GOD

GOD HEARS HANNAH'S PRAYERS FOR A BABY



This month we will be learning about how Samuel talked to God as a boy. We will learn that we can talk to God just like Samuel.

**Memory Verse:** Pray about everything. Philippians 4:6a (adapted for toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** We Can Talk to God, and He Hears Us

**Parent Connect:** Use the prayer spinner to talk with your toddler about different times we can talk to God. When are other times that your family talks to God?

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# EXILED: OBEY GOD

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God's people continue to disobey God and worship idols. We've been learning that disobedience has consequences and God's people are about to get a huge consequence for their actions. God allows his people to be exiled in Babylon for 70 years. This month we will be learning about some of the things that happened during this time of exile.

**Memory Verse:** I called on the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies Psalm 18:3

**Heart of the Lesson:** God Gives Life - Ezekiel and the Dry Bones - Ezekiel 37: 1-14

**Parent Connect:** Read Ezekiel 37:1-14 with your family to review the story. Then scan the QR Code to do the dry bones dance as a family.

**ELEMENTARY**

# ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE

ONE STORY - RETURN FROM EXILE



We are finishing out the Old Testament in this series focusing on the return of Israel to their Promised Land and pointing to the coming of the promised Savior. Each week we will see that we are a mess - broken and dead without God, but He promises to help. We just need to look to Him for assistance.

**Memory Verse:** But as for me, I am poor and needy; please hurry to my aid, O God. You are my helper and my savior; O Lord, do not delay. Psalm 70:5

**Heart of the Lesson:** We need help - Ezekiel's vision - Ezekiel 37:1-14

**Parent Connect:** Our story shows how God breathes life and hope into us. As a family do some belly breaths and share one thing they need God's help on and one thing they are thankful for.

# WAIT FOR IT

WAITING ON GOD'S PROMISES



Have you ever had to wait a really long time for something you really wanted? Waiting isn't always easy, but it makes it worth it knowing what is to come! God makes promises to His people several times in the Old Testament, and we can also see His promises being fulfilled through Jesus. We can always trust in God's promises!

**Memory Verse:** For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory. 2 Corinthians 1:20

**Heart of the Lesson:** God's Promise to Resurrect - Vision of Dry Bones (Eze 37)

**Parent Connect:** Discuss or journal: How have you seen God resurrect seemingly hopeless situations from death to life?

## SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

# GOD'S PLAN TO RESTORE

God isn't Finished with His People



It became clear that the people in the Old Testament needed God's help, and He made a plan to restore the people and prepare them for Jesus! Just like the people of Israel needed Jesus to come and take away their sins once and for all, so do we!

**Memory Verse:** Deuteronomy 31:8 (NIRV) "The Lord himself will go ahead of you. He will be with you. He will never leave you. He'll never desert you. So don't be afraid. Don't lose hope."

**Heart of the Lesson:** God Brings New Life (Valley of Dry Bones - Ezekiel 37)

### Connect:

- What happened to all the dry bones in the valley?
- What did God promise the nation through this vision of bones and sticks?
- How do we receive new life in Christ?
- Who is this promise of new life available to?