



Unit 10, Lesson 40

## TODAY'S EPIC STORY: VALLEY OF THE DRY BONES

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

### THE STORY HOME

The Spirit of God took Ezekiel to a valley filled with bones. The Lord told Ezekiel to prophesy to the bones and say, “The Lord says I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.” When Ezekiel was speaking, the bones started coming together. They were covered with skin and everything. Then, God’s breath entered the bodies and they came to life. It was like a huge army standing there. The Lord said, “I will bring you back to Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord.”

#### PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- What is going on in your imagination as you read and listen to this story?
- What questions do you have? What do you think Ezekiel was wondering?
- Wonder together... what happened to that vast army of people?
- Over and over again in Ezekiel and throughout the Old Testament God says, “Then they will know that I am the Lord.” What do you think that means? Why do you think God says that? How do you know God is the Lord in your life?

### TOGETHER HOME

Buy some dry macaroni (or pasta of your choice). Taste and feel the dry macaroni. Then, boil the macaroni according to package instructions. Talk about the difference between dry macaroni and cooked macaroni. Then, mix the macaroni with some cheese and milk and bake it until the cheese is bubbly. Or season your pasta however you like. Now, what’s the difference between your macaroni and the original dry macaroni?

Talk about how the bones were really dry at first. Then, God started bringing them together, but God wasn’t completely finished with them until He had breathed life into them. How is that similar to or different from the macaroni?

### BIBLE MEMORY HOME

“Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, ‘Whom shall I send?’... And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’” (Isaiah 6:8)

Have everyone except the person playing Isaiah lie on the ground like the bones would have been in the valley. Then, have Isaiah say, “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send?’” The first person who can jump up to a standing position and shout, “Here am I. Send me!” gets to be the next Isaiah. Keep taking turns until everyone has had a few chances.

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