

# The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

“So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.”

Did you know Ezekiel’s name means “God strengthens”? Israel certainly needed strength during this time in history.

After the temple’s destruction, Ezekiel was a prophet to the people of Israel while they lived in exile in Babylon, far from their beloved home. The Israelites probably had little hope and felt that living in a foreign land was like being dead. But God had other plans.

God brings the dead to life. Ezekiel watched as God gave these dry bones new life. He physically gave life to these bones, but also gives spiritual life to all His people. He gathers us up and frees us from sin, death and the power of the devil.

There is nothing outside the power of God. Nothing is too dry or dead for Him to rescue and give life. When we feel the power of sin and death, we know that God has power over death.

God can make dead bones live. He raised Jesus from the dead. He will raise us from the dead too at the Last Day.

## Seek and Find

- ☐ Ezekiel
- ☐ Bones

## Think About It

Why do you think the artist chose to draw Ezekiel in this posture with his eyes down and his arms crossed?

*Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the light, even Jesus Christ, Our Lord.*

