



Can These Bones Live?

Ezekiel 37:1-4

Items Needed

- ✓ Bible with marked scripture
- ✓ Pencils/Pens/Crayons/Markers
- ✓ Copy of Photo Illustration
- ✓ Copies of coloring sheet
- ✓ Copies of take home overview



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Objective of Lesson

This vision is an instructive picture of the resurrection of a dead sinner from spiritual death to spiritual life by the sovereign power and irresistible grace of God the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Reference

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Lesson Instructions

1. Have any of you ever seen a bone? Maybe you have seen a chicken bone or a ham bone. Do you have bones? Where are your bones? Can you take your skin off so I can see your bones? NO? Why? You would have to die for me to see your bones. Does that mean if you see a bunch of bones then that person or animal has died? Yes.
2. Use the photo Illustration to give the children an idea of what this might

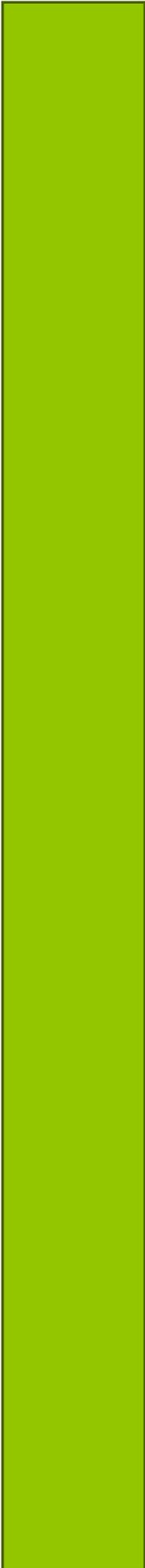
have looked like. Point out to them that this is what we look like to God. We are dead just like these bones. What does it mean to be dead? It means no talking, walking, eating, breathing; NO LIFE!

3. I want you all to lay out in the floor all across the room just like in this picture. Now pretend you all are dead, just like these bones. If I walked up to you bunch of bones and I said, "Stand up and dance." Could you do it? NO! What if I told you to breath, could you do it? What if I told you that you were in danger, a train is coming and if you don't get up and move you will be dead forever, could you move out of the way? You can't do anything, can you? You are dead.
4. I want you to think about this. Is there anything you can do if you are dead? What if one of you skeletons told all the other skeletons to get up and live and breathe, could that happen? NO. Why? The dead can't communicate with other dead, because you are completely helpless!
5. Did you know that this story we are acting out really happened? Sit up and let me tell you the story. God lead a man into a desert place and all over the ground were hundreds and hundreds of skeletons. They had been laying in the sun and dirt so long they were bleached completely white in the sun. This is a picture of us and how we really are before God. We are spiritually dead.
6. What is our spirit? Can we see our spirits? Our spirit is inside of us. We have our physical body and we also have a spirit that is going to go on and live after our body dies. Can I look inside your eyes like a window and see a spirit in there? No, that is silly, but we have one and they look just like these bones in this picture, no life in them. They are dead. How do we know we are spiritually dead? The Bible tells us that we can't see God or talk to God or hear God. (Eph 2:1-5, Col 2:13,) Our spirit died when Adam and Eve disobeyed God in the garden.
7. In this story in the Bible, God asked the prophet, "Can these bones live?" (hold up the picture) The Son of Man, the prophet said, "O Lord God, only you know if they can live."

8. Is that true? Does anybody else know if a man can be saved from death other than God? We certainly can't walk up to these dry bones and tell them to live. Do you think they would listen to us? Do our words have power to save and give life to dry bones? NO! BUT, there is a way these dry bones can live. God tells us in the Bible.
9. IN this story, God told the Son of Man to preach over the bones and say to them, "O you dry bones! Hear the word of the Lord." Do you know what this means? This means God's word brings life to dead people!
10. This is what happens to God's people when God sends them a preacher! God sends a preacher like Mr. Chris to tell us, spiritually dead people, about His Son Jesus Christ and how He obeyed all of God's commands and died to give us spiritual life. Without that we are just a bunch of bleached out dry bones, sitting in the church pews listening to a man talk. God commands the preacher to tell us about Jesus Christ and how He died to save dead bleached out sinners - then those old bleached out bones come to life. With God's word comes the power to save!
11. Let's play a game. Have you ever played the game "Simon Says?" Well this game is, "Hear the Lord Say." This is a game like that but we are going to change the words. I want everybody to lay out on the floor like you are dead, bleached out dry bones. This is just what your spirit looks like - No life. I am going to give you a command. You can't do it unless I say, "Hear the Lord say _____" before the words.
12. For example one command is, "I say _____" - these commands you cannot act out. You can only act out a command that says, "Hear the Lord say _____"

Lesson Activities

- Game "Hear the Lord say _____"
- Coloring Page/Dot-to-Dot



Take Home Lesson Overview



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