Preschool–Grade 6

The Valley of Dry Bones

Sunday School Lesson for Preschool (Ages 3–5), 20–30 minutes

Main point: God can make dry things live.
Bible passage: Ezekiel 37:1–14. Read it yourself before class.
Memory verse: "O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD." *Ezekiel 37:4 (KJV)*. The old word **ye** means you.
You need: a Bible, a cotton ball for each child, crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.
Before class: put a bookmark in your Bible at Ezekiel 37.

1. Opening game: Little Wind (5 minutes)

Give each child a cotton ball. Kids lie on their tummies on the floor or sit at a table and blow the cotton ball across, with their breath only, no hands. Then blow very softly, then a little harder. Say: "Breath is like a little wind! Today we will hear a true story about God sending breath, like wind, to make dry bones live."

2. Bible story (5 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to Ezekiel 37. Say: "This story is true. It is in God's Word." Read each line slowly and do the motion. When you see **Say it with me**, the kids say the line back to you.

God took Ezekiel to a valley (Ezekiel 37:1). *(Point down low.)*

The valley was full of bones, very, very dry (37:2). *(Rub your hands: dry, dry, dry.)*

God asked, "Can these bones live?" (37:3). *(Hands up, palms open: "Hmm?")*

God told Ezekiel to tell the bones to hear His word (37:4). *(Cup your hands by your mouth.)*

Say it with me: "Hear the word of the LORD!"

Shake, shake! The bones came together (37:7). *(Shake your whole body.)*

Then God sent breath, like wind (37:9). *(Blow softly.)*

They lived and stood up on their feet (37:10)! *(Stand up tall.)*

Say it with me: "God can make dry things live!"

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3. Questions to ask (3 minutes)

1. What was in the valley? *(Bones, very dry bones, Ezekiel 37:1–2)*
2. What came into them? *(Breath, 37:10)*
3. What did they do when they lived? *(They stood up upon their feet, 37:10)*

4. Memory verse (3 minutes)

Say: "God told Ezekiel to say, 'O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.' Ye means you." Teach the motion: rub your hands for "dry bones", then cup your hands behind your ears for "hear the word of the LORD." Say the verse with the motion three times: in a normal voice, in a whisper, and in a happy loud voice. Then say "Ezekiel 37:4" and clap three times.

5. What this means for us (3 minutes)

Say: "God loves you! Everyone has done wrong things. That is called sin (Romans 3:23). Jesus is God. He came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins. He was buried. Then He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us what to do (Acts 2:38). We repent: we tell God we are sorry, and we stop doing wrong. We are baptized in Jesus' name, down under the water, and our sins are washed away. And God gives us the Holy Ghost. That is God's own Spirit in us. When people are filled with the Holy Ghost, they speak in other tongues, words God gives them (Acts 2:4)."
Pray with the kids, and encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Never pressure a child.

6. Activity: Wind in the Valley (5–10 minutes)

Give each child a take-home sheet. In the drawing box, help them draw two hills with a low valley between them. Then they draw swirly wind lines blowing into the valley and color the sky blue. While they color, ask: "What did God send into the valley? What did the bones do?" Kids who finish early can blow their cotton balls again.

7. Prayer

Say each line, and the kids say it after you:
"Thank You, God, that You can make dry things live.
I love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

Tips for little ones: keep the bones simple and the story short and happy. This was a picture God showed Ezekiel, and it ends with new life. End with everyone standing up tall on their feet. Send the take-home sheet home so parents can tell the story again this week.

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