

LESSON FOR TODDLERS TO PRESCHOOLERS

Approach: Teaching Bible Truth Blended with Basic Learning
(Alphabet and Phonics; Numbers; Shapes and Colors)

Lesson: Recognition of the Letter **Xx**; How it Sounds and How to Write It.

Main Emphasis: God gives us hope.

Bible Connect: **God brings dry bones to life.**

Bible Story: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Memory Verse: *"But the people who hope in the Lord will become strong again.*

They will be able to rise up as an eagle in the sky. They will run without needing rest.

They will walk without becoming tired." Isaiah 40:31, ICB

Beginners: ***"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength"*** (Isaiah 40:31)

Lesson Objectives

By the end of this session, the students must be able to:

1. Recognize the Letter **Xx**, shapes, and colors;
- 2.

Clearing of Difficulties

1. **Ezekiel**- was a prophet of God
2. **Prophet** - someone who speaks for God or a god, or someone who tells what will happen in the future. They are like messengers who deliver important messages, often about right and wrong or what God wants people to do.
3. **Hope** - means having a wish for something good to happen and believing it's possible
4. **Skeleton** - is the frame made of bones that holds their body up and gives it shape.

Pre-Session Activity

"How many of you know what a skeleton is?" Explain as needed. "How many of you have seen a skeleton?" Kids often enjoy talking about gory events (dead animal they saw on the road that was just a skeleton, etc.)

nt from God. This kind of dream is called a vision.

Bible Story

Ezekiel was a prophet of God. God gave Ezekiel messages, and Ezekiel told the people the messages. One time, Ezekiel had a special dream. It was not a sleep kind of dream. It was a special dream.

In Ezekiel's vision, the Lord took him to a valley of dry human bones. The Lord set Ezekiel down right in the middle of the bones! Ezekiel looked at all the bones and knew they must belong to people who had died long ago. The bones were all white and dry.

Then Ezekiel heard the voice of God say, "Ezekiel, can these bones come to life again?"

Ezekiel must have thought to himself about how powerful God was. It would be impossible for bones to come back to life, but God could probably do it. So he answered the Lord, "Only you know if they can."

The Lord told Ezekiel to tell the bones that God would make breath enter them, and they would come back to life. He would put tendons and flesh on the bones and then cover them in skin. He would make them breathe and be alive.

When Ezekiel prophesied to the bones just as God had said, the bones started rattling and shaking! Soon, the bones started coming together, and flesh and skin appeared on them. Ezekiel was amazed to see and hear all of this in his vision!

Life Application

Ask, Can anyone think of some bad things that have happened to you? Some things that made you sad?

We can hope in the most hopeless times because our hope is in Jesus. He defeated death so that we can have a new life. Ezekiel saw dry bones coming to life and had hope for God's people of Israel. We know that we have hope for things in our lives, because God gave His Son for all people!

Evaluation

1. Which prophet prophesied to the people when they were in Babylonian exile? (Ezekiel)
2. In Ezekiel's vision, what was the valley filled with? (Dry human bones)
3. What did God tell Ezekiel to do to the bones? (Prophesy to them and tell them God would bring them life)
4. What sound did Ezekiel hear when he began prophesying? (Rattling bones as they came together)
5. What did God make out of the valley of dry bones? (An army of people)

Enrichment Activity