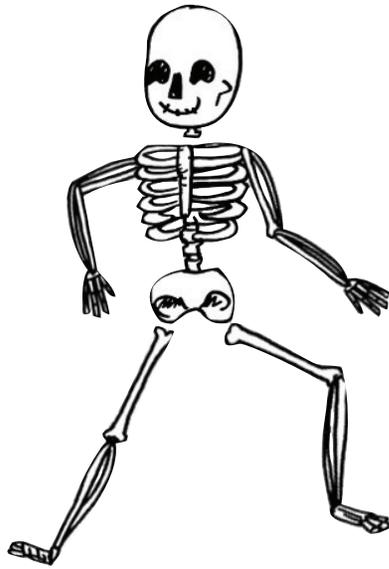


Ezekiel

Ezekiel 37:1-14



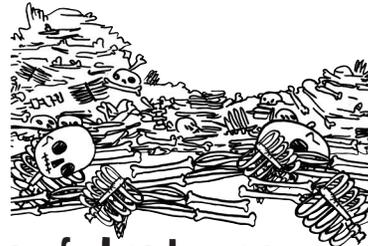
God called Ezekiel to be a prophet and lead the exiled community of Israel. Ezekiel had many visions of God! In his most well-known vision, he saw a valley of dry bones. Soon the bones came to life with muscle and skin! These bones coming to life symbolized Israel coming back to life as a united people after being conquered by Assyria and Babylon. The people of Israel needed to hear this message that God would be with them and bring them back to their home.

Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



Ezekiel was one of the elite Judeans exiled to Babylon after the Babylonian Empire conquered their country



The **valley of dry bones** probably was not meant to represent any physical valley. It was a terrible place because it was full of bones that weren't properly buried.

The **skeletons** in Ezekiel's vision represented the lost, exiled, and scattered tribes of Israel (Ezek. 37:11).



About the Video

In the Holy Moly video, the prophet Ezekiel brought God's visions into reality. In his vision, Ezekiel saw God breathe new life into the valley of the dry bones. The dry bones became covered with flesh, and the breath of God entered the people.

- What would you think if the hand of God set you down in the middle of a valley full of bones (Ezek. 37:1)?
- What do you remember about all the bones coming to life?
- What do you think God's breath would look, sound, and feel like?

Try This!

God breathed new life into old bones. Use recycled material to make something new. Make an old t-shirt into a new scarf. Turn old pop bottles into a bowling game. What happens when you make old things new?

Prayer

Dear God, help our head bones hear you and neck bones turn to see your strong arms putting together a backbone of faith. Help us keep our leg and foot bones running toward you.

Amen!

