

SUMMER FRIENDSHIP GATHERINGS

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OBJECT LESSON, DAY 1 – Valley of Dry Bones

- The theme for this summer is, “RISE UP!”
- **Object Lesson – Day 1:** In this object lesson we will demonstrate how God gave hope to His people by giving the prophet Ezekiel a vision in the Valley of dry bones.
- **Props to use:**
 - Two sheets of construction paper OR
 - A puzzle box with pieces

Object Lesson Script

- Have you ever tried to create something out of nothing? I am not talking about putting together a puzzle or painting a picture. I am talking about creating something out of absolutely nothing.
- This is what God did when he created the world. He spoke and the world was created. When the Word of God is spoken, it brings with it the power of God.
- The Bible tells us in the beginning how God created Adam, the first man. He made him out of just the dust of the ground. God breathed the breath of life into him. And he became a living person.

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OBJECT LESSON, DAY 1 CONTINUED

- We are going to learn in this lesson how in a vision, God led the prophet Ezekiel to a valley of dry bones. A vision is a kind of dream, only you are awake. God gave Ezekiel an important message in this vision to tell the people of Israel. God told him to speak His Words to a pile of dry bones. When Ezekiel spoke God's words flesh appeared on the bones. God breathed on them, and they stood to make a huge army.
- **For this object lesson you can invite 1-2 Friends to help demonstrate the lesson.**
- **The leader will rip the paper in 2 large pieces and give them to each person. (Make sure the friends that are helping can rip the pieces of paper.)**
- Now I would like you to tear this paper into tiny pieces and scatter them on the floor **(you could also scatter them on a table.)**
- **If you are using a puzzle, have the friends dump the box of pieces onto the table or floor and scatter them around. As the friends are tearing the paper into tiny pieces or the puzzle is dumped and scattered the leader says:**
- Can you imagine being Ezekiel and seeing all the dry bones scattered in the valley? Nothing was connected. It was just a huge pile of bones; they weren't even buried. It was a big mess.
- **The Leader can have the first group stay for the next part or sit down and invite 1-2 other friends to come up and help.**

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- **While they are coming up the Leader says:**
- These tiny pieces of paper, or these puzzle pieces, represent the dry bones God showed Ezekiel in his vision. They were scattered all over the valley. What a mess! Why do you think God put Ezekiel in the middle of this big mess of bones? **(Give time for friends to respond to the question.)**
- It was to show them that Israel, God's people were in a huge mess. They disobeyed God's plan for them, their nation was divided, and they were slaves in the country of Babylon. They felt hopeless, and dry like the bones.
- OK, now, I would like you to put the pieces back together again. **(The Friends will probably say that it is impossible.)**
- Ok, try speaking to them. Tell pieces of paper or puzzle to put themselves back together. **(The leader pauses and waits for the friends to speak to the pieces)**
- Humm, well I guess that didn't work either. Maybe you could try breathing on the pieces of paper or puzzle pieces like God did with Adam. **(Hold up. the non-torn paper, or the box with the picture of the puzzle.)**
- It's impossible, right? But with God, all things are possible. We will learn how God put the bones back together and raised them up. God promised to raise up His chosen people again because Ezekiel obeyed God. In this story we will learn that we have that same promise from God, when we trust Jesus as our Savior.

