

# Kids Ministry Lesson

## ***BIG IDEA***

When I'm lost, God guides me!

## ***THE BIBLE***

Ezekiel 34:11-24, John 10:14

### ***PRESCHOOL LESSON***

*WHAT? What are we talking about today?*

**INTRODUCTION** | Good Day Kids! Today we are continuing with our lesson series titled, Breaking News! In this series, we will be discussing a group of people, who were responsible for bringing Breaking News to the people of ancient Israel. These people were called prophets and their job was to hear messages from God and tell the people what he said. Sometimes what the prophets had to say made them unpopular. Nevertheless, prophets had to tell the truth and report the Breaking News coming "Straight Outta Heaven". So far we have learned from the prophet Micah that when things go wrong, we can choose what's right! Then, we learned from the prophet Amos that God wants our worship to be sincere. Finally, last week we will learned from the prophet Zephaniah that when things are tough, we can trust God. Today, we will learn the Breaking News the prophet Ezekiel had for the people of Juda. Hint... it had to do with their spiritual leaders or shepherds.

#### **WORSHIP** |

Video (Remind Me - Gateway Kids) <https://youtu.be/305TZqsoMRw>

Video (Here - Gateway Kids) <https://youtu.be/LJailPJLPb0>

#### **THE BIG IDEA** |

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*SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?*

#### **BIBLE LESSON** | Ezekiel 34:11-24

Today, we're learning about the prophet, Ezekiel, who was from Judah. Ezekiel lived during a time when all of the people of Judah had been sent away to a place called Babylon because they were not honoring God. This already sounds like some bad news, but Ezekiel actually has good news! Let's see what he had to say:

**You:** Hello, Ezekiel. We know that your people have been away from home for a long time. What does God have to say to them?

**Ezekiel:** God wants everyone to know that God will search for the lost and bring back them back. God will heal the hurt and strengthen the weak. God will treat everyone the same.

**You:** Wow! Are there a lot of people who are hurt or lost?

**Ezekiel:** That's right. During my time, the leaders were not doing their job leading the people well. But God will take care of the people anyway.

**You:** That is good news. Anything else?

**Ezekiel:** God will come and make things right. No longer will the sheep be pushed around.

**You:** What sheep? Can you tell us more about that?

**Ezekiel:** We are the sheep. God is our shepherd. God will take care of us like shepherds take care of their sheep.

**You:** You heard it first here, everyone. Thank you, Ezekiel, for that good news from God!

God spoke through Ezekiel, sharing a message of hope. Let's think about it like this: God is the shepherd, and the people are God's sheep. Sheep like to wander off, or follow the wrong person by mistake. Ezekiel was saying that God will always find us, and that we will be led to where we need to be.

*NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?*

#### **PRAY** | Pray with and over your kids

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## ELEMENTARY LESSON

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**BIBLE STORY & LESSON** | Ezekiel 34:11-24

Teaching Video: <https://youtu.be/tbJy-as8fcE>

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**SCRIPTURE** | John 10:14

John 10:14 <sup>14</sup>"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What can you tell me about Ezekiel?

What metaphor did God use to describe the people and their leaders?

How were the leaders being poor shepherds?

What are some ways we might feel lost?

When we are lost, what can we do?

John 10 explains we can know God and his voice. How can we make sure we are listening to God?

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