



Materials I Need:

**\*\*Please note that lesson plans will now include options in the each section, for grades 1-6, so that you may teach to the different skill levels of your group of Bible students.**

Memory Work: 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ezekiel 18:32  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>: Ezekiel 18:30-32

**Prophet:**            *Ezekiel*  
**People:**            *Exiles in Babylon*  
**Prophecy:**        *God's Glory Won't Mix with Your Sin*  
**Principle:**        *We Praise the Lord of Glory in Words and Actions*

Aim Questions:


1. Who was Ezekiel? (*Ezekiel was a priest. He began his prophetic ministry when he was 30 years old.*) Check out the preview for more details.
2. When did Ezekiel speak? (*Ezekiel spoke only when God gave him utterance.*) How many days did it take for Ezekiel to respond to his overwhelming vision and commission? (*7 days*)
3. Why did Ezekiel eat the message? (*God's Word is sweet, delightful to the pallet. Ezekiel assimilated the message into his life, mind and heart.*)
4. According to Ezekiel, where does real and lasting courage come from? (*It comes from witnessing God's glory and eating His Word.*) How do you eat the Word?

Hook:

**UFO.** Speaker/Drama. Begin class today by playing hangman. Prearrange for one of the volunteers to come in late (this is the real hook). Have the volunteer announce that they have seen a unidentified flying object. Use the description in Ezekiel Chapter 1. The Bible students probably won't believe the account. Have one of the teachers ask the volunteer a question and open up this time for students to ask questions. When the questions appear to be exhausted, ask the Bible students why they didn't believe the volunteer. DEBRIEF: Just as you didn't believe (volunteer's name), you can see what a problem Ezekiel would have had being taken seriously when he told his vision from God.

**SEEING.** Game. Form teams of 4-5 students. Select one person from each team to do the SEEING. The rest of the team needs to put on blindfolds. Set up paper obstacles: road block, rock slide, deer crossing, detour, abrupt edge, etc. The object of the game is for the teams to get all of the blindfolded team members across the room safely. The SEER stands on a chair and directs his/her teammates past the obstacles. If a player touches one of the obstacles they are out. The team with the most members safely across the room, wins! DEBRIEF: The seeing member of your team has been acting as a watchmen or prophet for your group.

**EAT IT.** Snack. Have unsalted crackers with some honey on them as an opening snack. Have the crackers arranged nicely on a tray. Offer them to the Bible students as a taste of what is to come.


 **STONE LUNCH.** Object Lesson. Bring a stone in a lunch sack. Have students guess what is in the sack. Give them some clues: its harder than wood, harder than dirt, harder than a marshmallow etc. When you tell the story be sure and use this as an illustration during the story.


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**Book:**

**Presentation Ideas -**

 **EZEKIEL LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW.** Color Page/Illustration/Overhead. (Please order overhead 1 week in advance if used.) What is that on his lip? **3EZE27.GF6**

 **VISION.** Illustration. Have available the artist's rendering of Ezekiel's vision. After reading through Ezekiel Chapter 1, have the Bible students explore the picture. What can they find in the picture from the scripture passage? **3EZE27.GF1**

 **STAND-UP.** Action Play. Have the Bible students stand at the point in the story where Ezekiel is given the power to stand and hear God speak.

**Bible Adventure** - Have you ever watched a marathon runner run the last mile of his race? The runner has already put in 25 torturous miles, yet from somewhere deep inside he finds the strength and power for that last sprint to the finish line. Or have you watched Olympic figure skaters go soaring, spinning up into the air, lose their balance and fall, then get up and finish their program without missing a beat? What causes these athletes to keep on going when the going gets tough? It's the reward they seek, whether it's a gold medal, prize money, or the satisfaction of coming in first place.

Ezekiel was a prophet with a big reason to keep going, too. We'll hear more about that in a minute but first let's find out about this prophet of God. Ezekiel lived and prophesied about the same time the prophet Jeremiah did. Jeremiah was in Judah preaching, and Ezekiel was in Babylon. You see, Ezekiel was taken captive by the Babylonians at the same time King Jehoiachin was. This was the second group of God's people exiled. (Daniel was among the first group taken when Jehoikim was king.) Now Zedekiah was king in Judah. Remember with me back to the book of Jeremiah. In chapter 29, Jeremiah writes a letter to the Jewish people being held captive in Babylon. Does anyone remember what that letter said? The Jews were doubting God's Word that they would be held captive for 70 years. Jeremiah wrote that letter to tell them not to hold on to false hope. They would not be coming back to Jerusalem in 2 or 3 years. It would be their children who would be returning 70 years down the road. These were the people Ezekiel was living among when God called him to be His messenger to them.

What does the book of Ezekiel tell us about these exiled people? Had they learned a lesson from their experiences? No, they hadn't. Even though they knew they had been exiled because of their sin, they still thought that because they were God's chosen people, they would be allowed to return to Jerusalem in a short time. God knew the hardness of their hearts, and he knew He was going to need a special kind of spokesman. So God allowed Ezekiel a vision of Himself, a glimpse of His unmatched glory. Ezekiel saw heavenly beings, called cherubim, surrounding God's throne. The throne was on wheels of an amazing design which sparkled with a yellow-green glow. The throne itself looked like it was made of sparkling blue sapphire stone. Seated upon the throne was God himself, surrounded by brilliant light. This vision of God was awesome enough that Ezekiel fell down on his face! Does this remind you of Isaiah's vision of God? As Ezekiel lay there, he heard God's voice. God gave him the power to stand, and told him that He was sending him to speak to the Israelites. God called them a stubborn and rebellious nation. They had not listened to the prophets God had sent before Ezekiel, and they would not listen to Ezekiel either, but God wanted Ezekiel to go anyway, and speak His words. Why did God bother when He knew the message would be ignored and rejected? God knew that when the events prophesied by Ezekiel took place, the people would remember His words and know that a prophet had been among them. Three times God told Ezekiel, "Do not be afraid." God knew the task would be difficult and dangerous, but Ezekiel had gotten a taste of God's glory. He knew it was the only thing that mattered and he was ready to go. God gave Ezekiel a scroll with His words on it. God told him to eat the scroll. Can you imagine your reaction if someone handed you a book and told you to eat it? But this was a special scroll. It contained all the words God wanted Ezekiel to take to His people. The prophet did as he was asked, and as he ate the scroll, found that it tasted as sweet as honey. Now Ezekiel was ready to go to God's people with the words. God warns him again of the people's hardness of heart, but

he tells Ezekiel that He will make him just as hard. God would give him the strength to speak the message, even when people turned against him. Because his strength would come from God, he had no need to be afraid. Strong in the Lord's power, Ezekiel's vision ended and he found himself among the Jewish exiles again.

No one can have an experience like Ezekiel had without seeing some major changes in their life. Ezekiel was so awed by his vision of God that he could do nothing but sit for a full seven days. He had much to think about during that time. God had revealed His incredible glory to him, and now to see the people's rebellious sinfulness made Ezekiel angry. God had kept all His promises to protect and keep His people. He had offered them a chance to turn from their sin again and again. Ezekiel's glorious vision of God really had strengthened him, causing him to see Israel's sin clearly. To Ezekiel there was no excuse for the rebellion he saw. A holy, glorious God like that was to be obeyed and honored no matter what. Ezekiel had eaten God's Word. He had taken God's message into his heart, his mind, and his life. It became a part of him. A big part of that message was that God had ceased to be among the people of Israel. Their sin did not mix with God's glory. God told Ezekiel to go shut himself inside his house. He told Ezekiel he would not be able to speak unless he was speaking for God. Ezekiel was showing the people even without words that their sin had caused God to withdraw from them.

Let's think again about those athletes we talked about earlier. Their reason to keep going was to win a prize or reward. Ezekiel's prize was God's glory. It was all he needed or wanted. That's what kept him going when the people around him rejected his message. Did you know that we have the same source of courage available to us? If you want the courage to face difficult people who are defiant toward the truth, you need to develop and feed a continual hunger for God's Word. You need to eat it, to make it a part of you. Like Ezekiel, you also need to spend time in God's presence, getting glimpses of His glory. Are you spending time on your own talking to Him and praising Him for who He is and what He has done? Meeting with other believers is very important too. We are encouraged by them and God is pleased when we meet together to honor Him. If we don't pay close attention to these things we won't be able to go the distance. We can finish the race and see God be glorified, if we keep our eyes on Him and our ears and hearts tuned to His Word.



**Look:**



**THE PIT GAME.** Game. **Option 1:** This is a fast-paced card game. Cut out all the playing cards. You will need one set of words for each player. You may need to have a couple of games going at one time. The object of the game is to get all 5 matching words. If there are 5 players you should have 25 playing cards, 5 sets of words. Play begins after the dealer deals all of the cards. The dealer begins with the dealer saying 1 or 2. This means the dealer has 1 or 2 of the same word. Another player may trade with that person if they have 1 or 2 also. This can get loud! The first person to get all five of the same word wins! All of the players must be quiet while the rules are explained until they are given utterance. They are given utterance when the dealer says, GO! This can also be played as SPOONS or any other card game you can think of! **3EZE27.GF2.1**  
**Option 2:** Same as Option 1 but using quotes. **3EZE27.GF2.2**



**EZEKIEL OR ISAIAH.** Quiz/Worksheet. This quick quiz can be played one of 2 ways: **Option 1:** Have all of the Bible students stand in a line. The quizzer stands in front of the Bible students with an "A" written on the board to the quizzer's right and a "B" to the quizzer's left. The aim is to choose the comparison that refers to Ezekiel, A or B. When a comparison is read the Bible students choose A or B and move either to the left or right, whichever is appropriate. The first time a Bible student misses an answer, they sit down in the line. If they miss a second time they are out. Students who are out can voice their opinions to try and sway the other players. Have fun! **Option 2:** Have the Bible students complete the quiz on their own. **3EZE27.GF3**



**EAT GOD'S WORD.** Snack. Edible scrolls can be made by the teacher purchasing "Fruit by the Foot" at your local grocery store. Roll strips of fruit leather on large pretzel sticks to form tiny scrolls. Discuss how the scroll which Ezekiel ate was sweet as honey. Is God's Word sweet to you?



**EVALUATE.** Worksheet. How do I spend my time? Am I eating God's Word and making it part of my life? Look back over this week. How have you been spending your time? How much time have

you spent with Jesus? What changes or improvements can you make in the coming week or what about life long? **3EZE27.GF4**

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**Took:**



**Jumpin' 4 P's.** Jump rope this ditty to help you remember the Memory Work for Ezekiel.

The Prophet is Ezekiel  
The People are Exiles in Babylon  
The Prophecy - - - God's Glory won't mix  
With your sin  
The Principle - - - we praise the Lord of Glory  
In words - - - and in action.  
These are the 4 P's  
Got 'em from Ezekiel  
Now it's time to jump out.



**WORSHIP BOOKLET.** Devotional. **Option 1: Daily Walk.** Discuss the elements of a personal quiet time. Bring in several examples of Children's Bibles and devotionals. Explain the 4 P's in the Daily Walk Booklet with Jesus: Praise, Prayer, Passage, and Practice. Have the Bible students check off each completed quiet time section daily. Suggestions: Prayer time can be used to ask God for the strength and wisdom to do the particular Practice for that day. Praise time can be a favorite song or a time of thanking God for answered prayer, a good grade, a new friend, or a sunshiney day! As you discuss each element of the 4 P's, place the half sheet symbols in view. These should be available for review and future reference as we seek to reinforce the importance of a daily quiet time (eating God's Word) through the book of Ezekiel. **3EZE27.GF5** Half sheet symbols: **3EZE27.GF5.1-10** **Option 2: Give the Glory to God.** Prayer, Passage and Praise. This week get up a little early and meet with Jesus! How will you know God's will for you if you don't spend time with Him? **3EZE27.GF6**

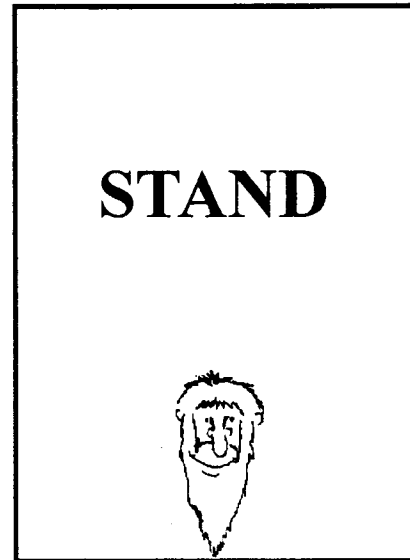
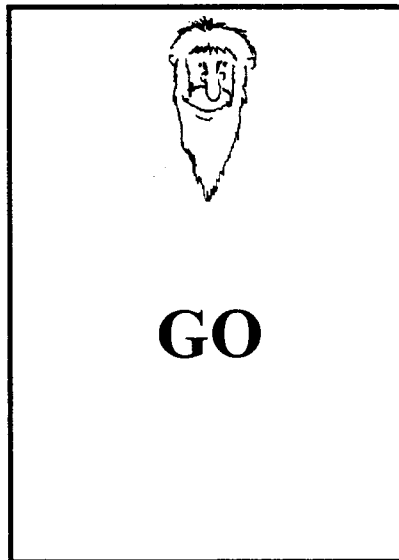
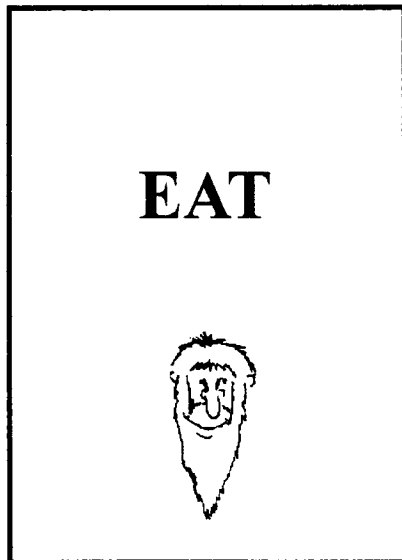
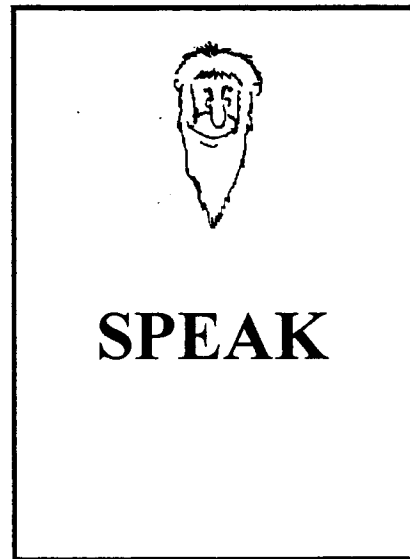
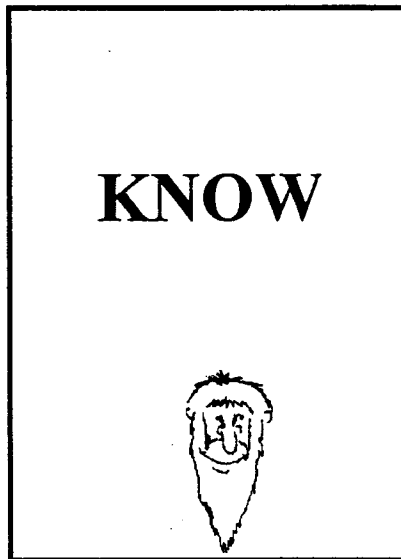
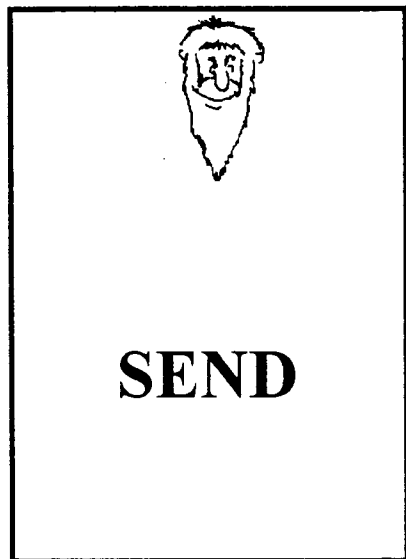


**AIM QUESTIONS.** Discussion. **Option 1:** This is a check up to see if your students are listening and processing what is happening in the lesson. Could you answer the aim questions without looking at the answers? Divide the class into 4 teams. When you ask the question the students must talk together as a team and answer the question as a team. Teachers keep score and the team that has answered the most questions wins the prize. (Teachers-give a good prize: large candy bars, whistles, etc) **Option 2:** Individual responses. First one who answers correctly, wins a prize!

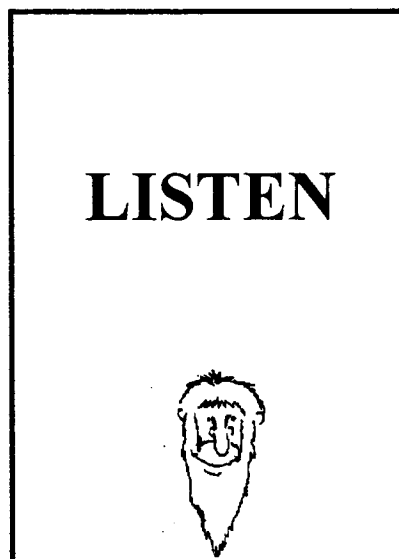
**Attention Teachers:**

The black and white copy of the artist's rendering of Ezekiel's vision did not copy satisfactorily. Therefore, we had a few copied in color. They are available on a first come first receive basis for use in the your class. Please request them from Renee to use Sunday morning. The number is:  
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## THE PIT GAME



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“They will know that a prophet has been among them.”



“Do not be afraid of them or their words.”

“Open your mouth & eat what I give you.”



“Go now to the house of Israel & speak my words to them.”

“But I will make you as unyielding & hardened as they are.”



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**Ezekiel**



**Isaiah**

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# EVALUATE

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>

How have I spent my time this past week? Have I been eating God's Word and making it part of my life? Look over this past week & write down how you spent your week. Do you need to make some changes in your life? Will you spend more time with your best friend, Jesus?



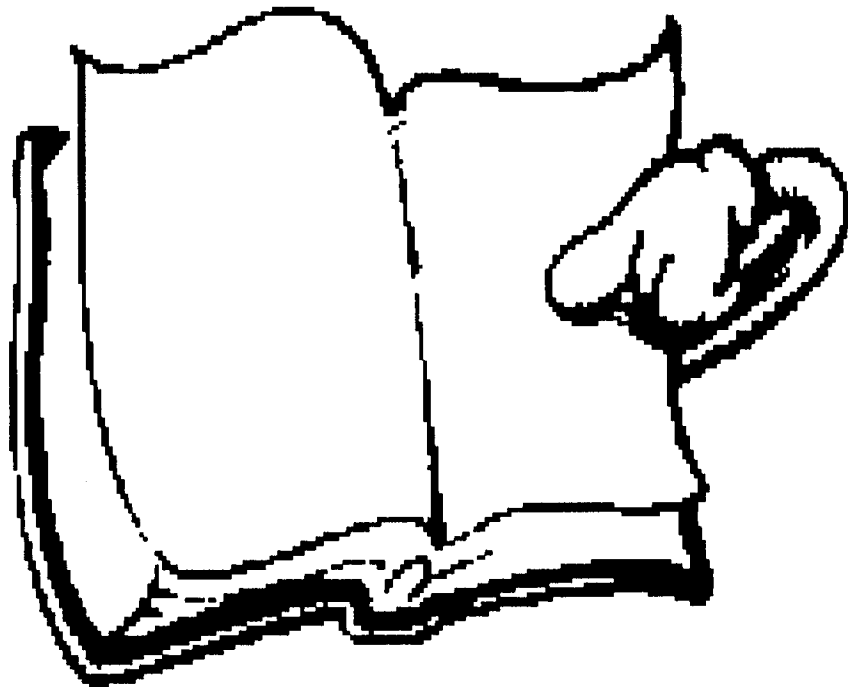
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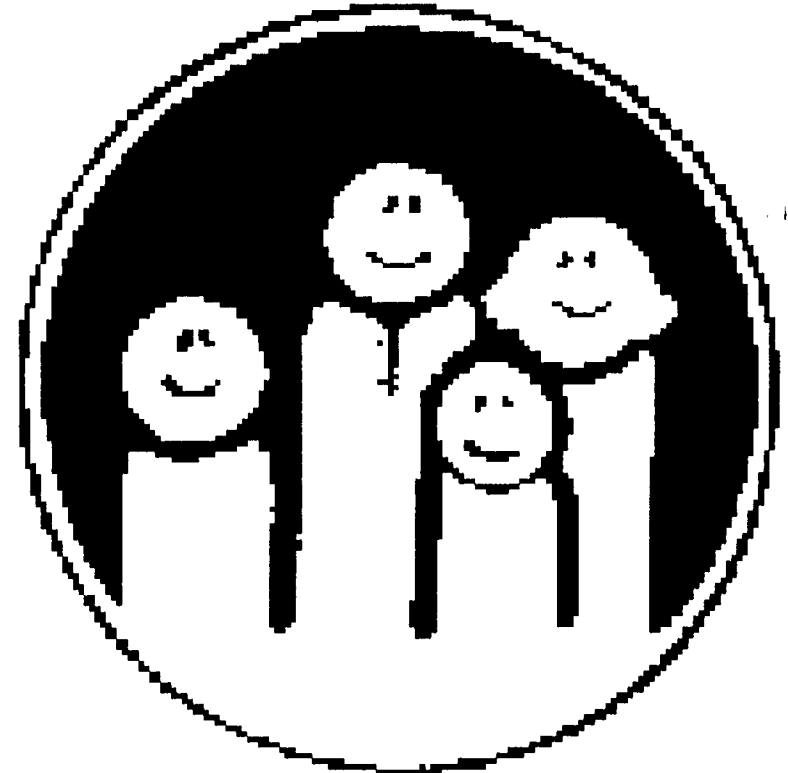
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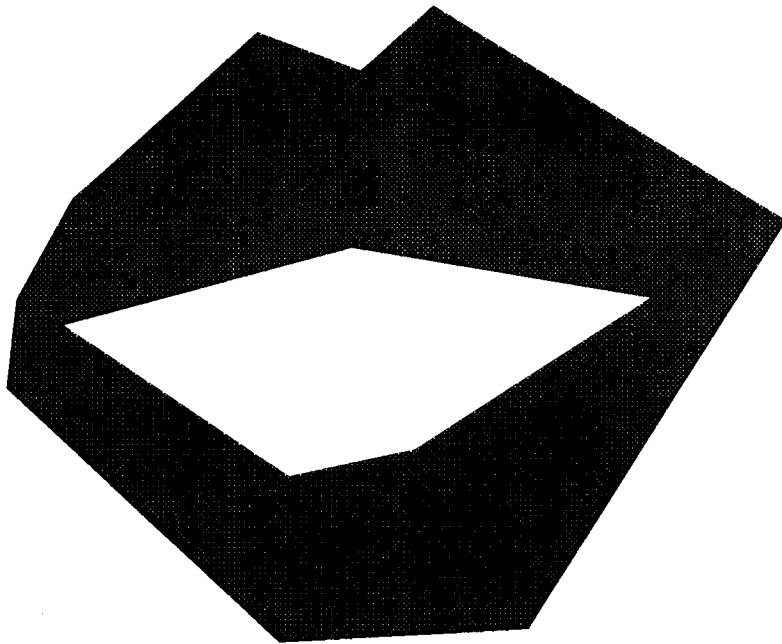
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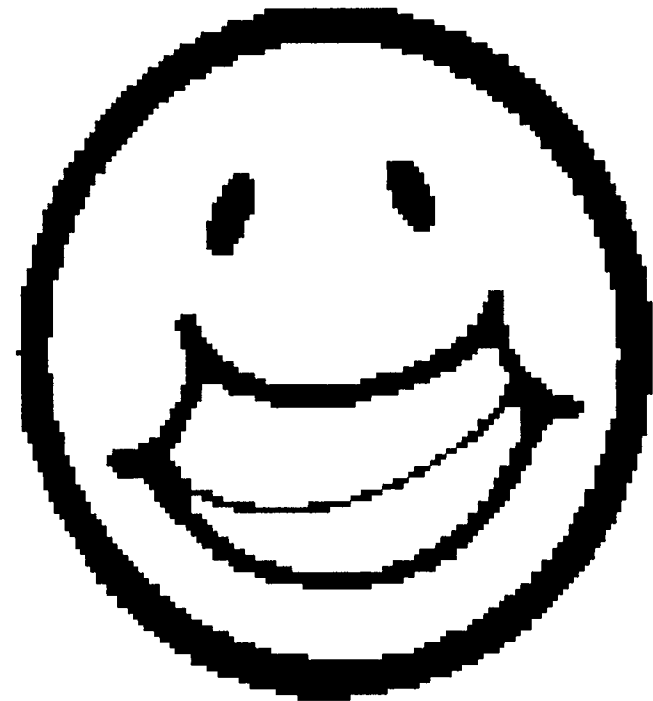
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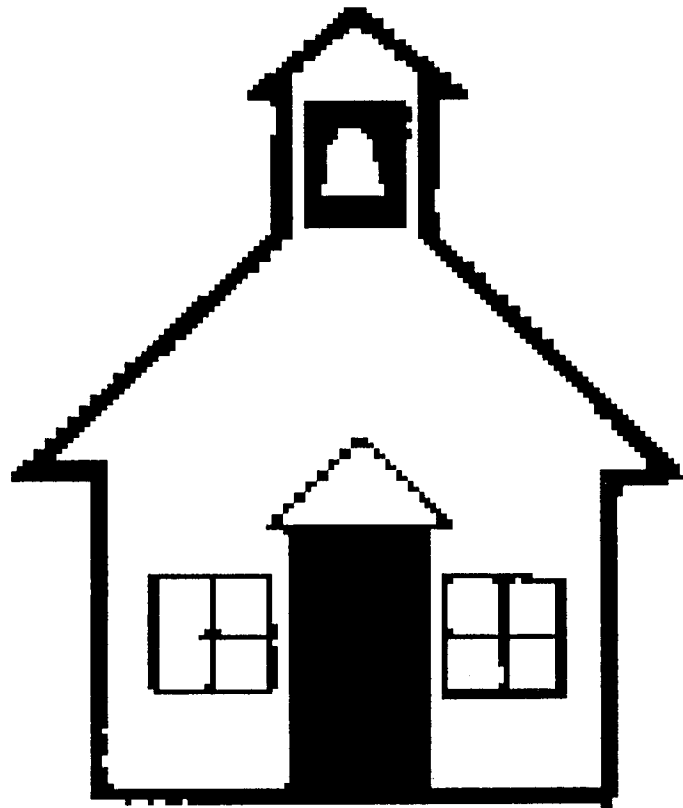
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***My Attitude***

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*At School*

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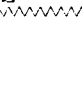
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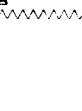
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*TV, Movies, Video Games*

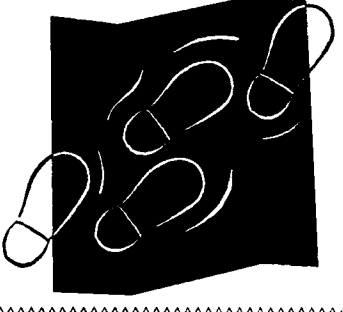
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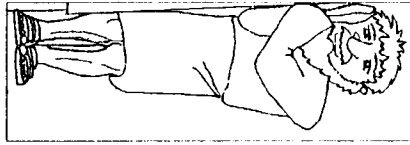
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# DAILY WALK



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## Ezekiel Chapters 4-7



Give the  
Glory to God...

### MONDAY-

**Prayer** - Ask the Lord to help you understand today's scripture passage and to help you make wise decisions as you begin a new week. Pray specifically for your school friends today.

**Passage** - Read Ezekiel Chapter 4. Write down two things that caught your attention from the reading.

**Praise** - Praise the Lord with singing! Dear children, let us not love with word or tongue, but with action and in truth, but with action and in truth.

### TUESDAY-

**Prayer** - Pray for you family today. Lift them up to Jesus to have a great day that will glorify Him in the things they do and say. Pray you will be a beacon today that attracts people to Jesus. Pray to share Christ with one person today.

**Passage** - Read Ezekiel Chapter 5. Why would God want to spend all His anger on His chosen people? Doesn't He have other places to spend His anger? How do you feel about this?

**Praise** - Use the same praise song all week, commit it to memory!

### FRIDAY-

**Prayer** - Pray for the Lord to help you want to read and know His Word. It is a manual for your life. It has all of the answers you need. Pray that when you need answers God would reveal them to you through His Word!

**Passage** - Reread Ezekiel Chapters 1 & 2. God obviously had gotten Ezekiel's attention. What does He have to do to get your attention?

**Praise** - Praise the Lord together singing.

### SATURDAY-

**Prayer** - Wow, what a week! Pray this week you will be able to continue having a quiet time. It is important to meet with God daily. You are creating a great habit!!!

**Passage** - Reread Chapter 3 in Ezekiel.

**Praise** - Praise the Lord. You did it. You completed your first week of quiet times.

### WEDNESDAY-

**Prayer** - Pray that you won't worry this week. It doesn't glorify God when we worry. Pray that you will be organized in your school studies so worry won't be necessary!

**Passage** - Read Ezekiel Chapter 6. When you get really angry, does it show in your face, arms, legs, or body? How did God show His anger? What did Ezekiel do?

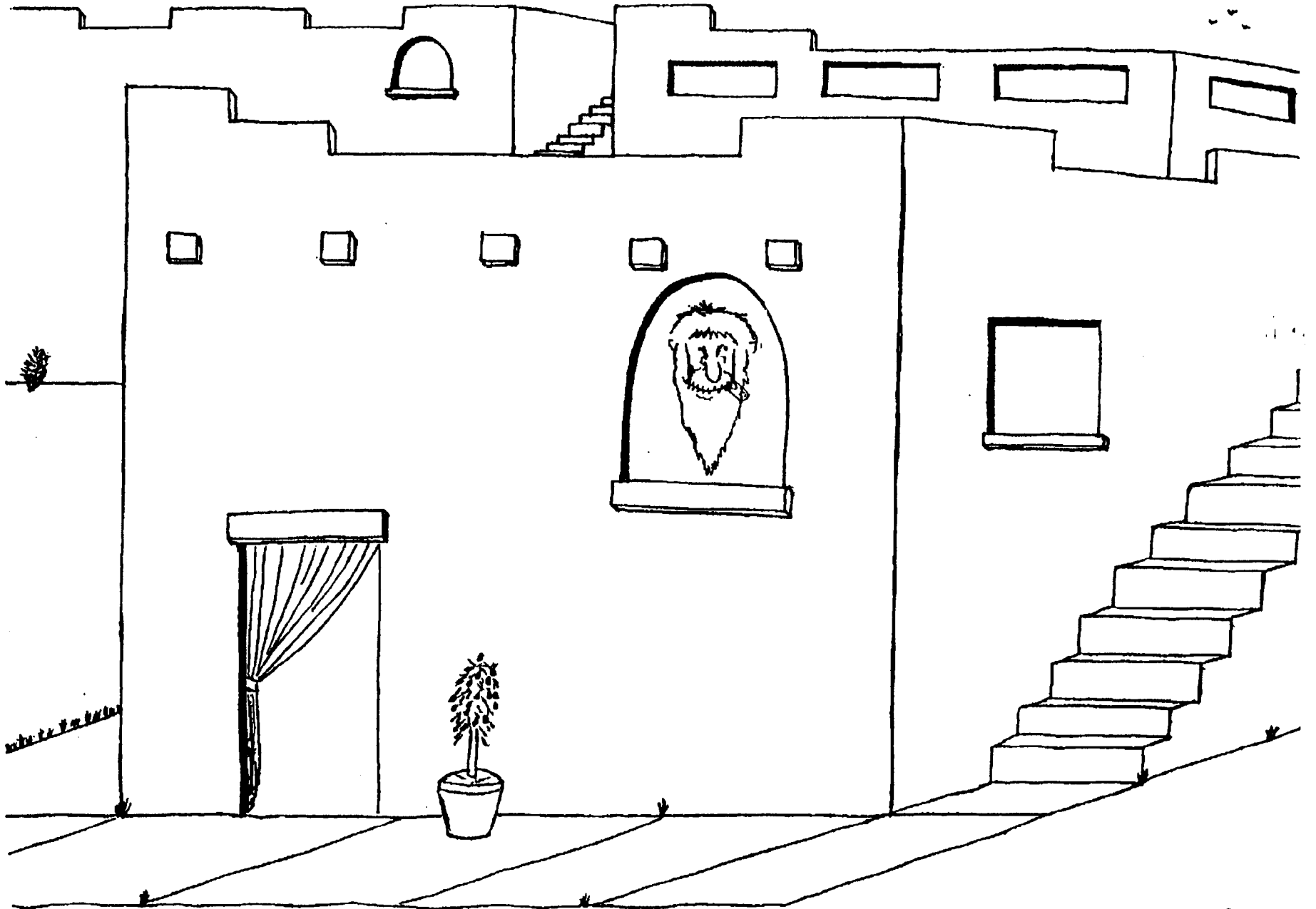
**Praise** - Sing to the Lord! "I've Got The Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy"

### THURSDAY-

**Prayer** - Pray that you will show your anger appropriately. Don't get out of control when you are angry but pray! Ask God to help you! Pray that the Lord will help you not let the sun go down on your anger! Pray for a gentle spirit.

**Passage** - Read Ezekiel Chapter 7. What things from last week did you put off until another day? (School work, chores,...?) What would you do with the rest of today if you knew the world would end at midnight?

**Praise** - Praise the Lord of Glory with your actions today!



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# EZEKIEL'S SONG

Eze... Ezekiel, prophet to the exiles.  
Camped by the river Kebar.  
The glory of the Lord shown from afar.  
Eat this scroll, - then you'll know,  
To watch for the enemy and warn my people

Eze... Ezekiel, prophet to the exiles.  
Build Jerusalem out of clay.  
Show the attack, they would not obey.  
The weight of sin, - you will get thin,  
With soldiers outside and hunger within.

Eze... Ezekiel, prophet to the exiles.  
Seventy elders to idols bow.  
"God doesn't care nor see us now."  
Man in white, - mark the right,  
Others get the sword as they see God's might.

Eze... Ezekiel, prophet to the exiles.  
Sneak through the walls with your bags all packed.  
Cover your eyes, the city's sacked.  
Good food inside, - a stewing pot.  
But hearts against God, destroy the whole lot.

Eze... Ezekiel, prophet to the exiles.  
Edom laughed at Israel's plight.  
Tyre boasted of his ships and might.  
Egypt said, "I - have made the Nile."  
Their destruction is sure, it'll only be awhile.

Eze... Ezekiel, prophet to the exiles.  
A valley full of bones scattered in the dust.  
The people of God, but they didn't trust.  
I'll breathe in life - to those dead bones.  
Set them apart and bring them home all home.

Eze... Ezekiel, prophet to the exiles.

SUNG TO THE TUNE OF DAVIE CROCKET

