



Worshipping Together

Scripture Passage:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Key Verse:

“I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.”
Ezekiel 37:14a

The Point:

God's powerful presence brings new life to exiled Israel and their broken relationship with God.

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Breath of Life

You will need:

- † Paper
- † Scissors
- † Pens or pencils
- † Optional: white board or bulletin board, tape

Preparation:

1. Cut out bone shapes, one for each anticipated worshipper.
2. Determine how you will distribute paper bones and pens or pencils to worshippers.

Instructions:

1. At the beginning of worship: **Our story today is about a place filled with dry bones. What are the dry bones in our world today? In our country, our city, our church, and our families? Turn to a person next to you and**

discuss your ideas. Allow a few minutes for discussion.

2. **Take a paper bone and write your areas of “death” on them.** Instruct worshippers to pass the bones to the center, and put them all on the altar or a table near the front of the worship space.
3. At another time in worship: Distribute a few “bones” from the beginning of the service to each row of worshippers.
4. **With the people sitting around you, look at the bones and discuss how God might breathe God's Spirit on those dead things or situations. How might God call us to help?**
5. **Now, can you put your “bones” together into a new body shape? It is okay if it is silly! New life can look different from old life.** Put the bodies back on the altar or tape to an easel or whiteboard during the offering.