



Resource Pack

Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.

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WEEK 1

Ezekiel's Wheels and a Mobile Throne?

Perplexing Passages / Ezekiel 1:4-28

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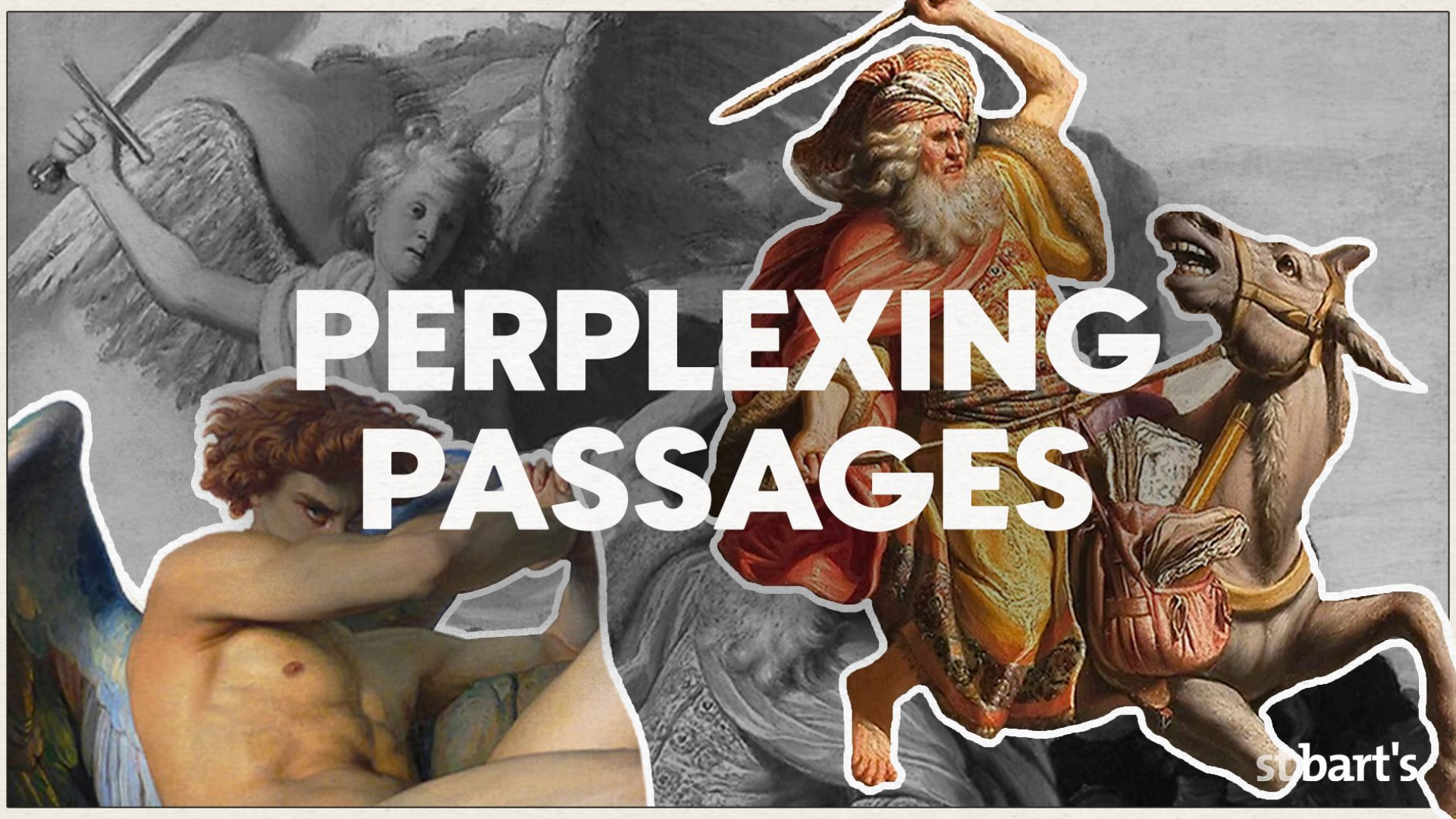
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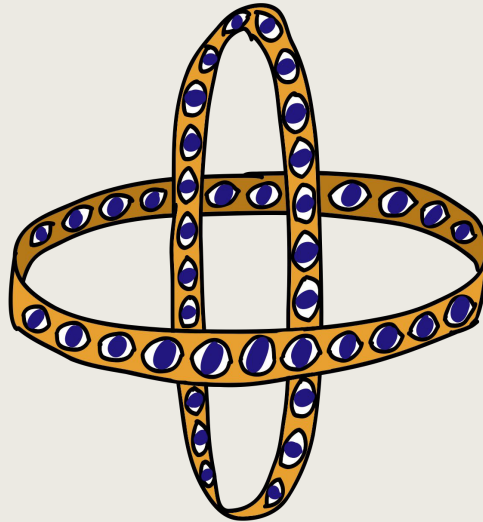


PERPLEXING PASSAGES

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Ezekiel's Wheels and a Mobile Throne?

Ezekiel 1:4-28



HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package is part of a series based on **Perplexing Passages**. The items within this package all pertain to **one session**.

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper Primary.

All of the items within
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TIMING

Welcome and play	15 mins
Teaching Time (includes morning tea for Early Childhood)	15mins
Game (Kindy - Year 6 only)	10mins
Small Groups/Activities	20mins
Worship	10mins
Check-out	

MATERIALS

- ☐ Sensory Table
- ☐ Mirror insert (optional)
- ☐ Various items that 'shine'
- ☐ Small squares of yellow cellophane
- ☐ Glue Sticks
- ☐ Printout Worksheet #1
- ☐ Road Rug
- ☐ Toy Cars
- ☐ Toy Animals
- ☐ Printout Worksheet #2
- ☐ Coloured Pencils
- ☐ Clipboards if needed
- ☐ Printout of four large pictures Worksheet #5
- ☐ Printout (and cut) smaller pictures (same four as large)
- ☐ Blutac
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Magnifying Glasses
- ☐ Paper
- ☐ Clipboards
- ☐ Coloured Pencils or Pens
- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ Coloured Pencils
- ☐ Printout of Worksheet #3
- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ Worksheet #4 (list of Bible references)
- ☐ Bible Taboo Playing Cards (Worksheet #6)
- ☐ Timer/Stopwatch

ADDITIONAL INFO

This resource is the first in a two week series on Perplexing Passages in the Bible.

SESSION OUTLINE

SERIES

Perplexing Passages

BIBLE FOCUS

Ezekiel 1:4-28

TOPIC

Ezekiel's Wheels and a Mobile Throne?

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THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

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SERIES OVERVIEW

Perplexing Passages

The Bible provides a firm foundation in many areas of present and lasting significance. These areas include the problem of sin, the way to forgiveness, salvation through faith, relationship with God, our purpose in life (and death), many dimensions of Christian living, and the grand narrative of creation-fall-redemption-new creation (just to name a few!). The Scriptures are perfectly sufficient in the way of salvation, especially for trust in the Lord Jesus as Saviour, along with our role in the mission of God. However, whilst there is much of which we can be confident, there are also some parts of Scripture that some find perplexing and can—at times—leave us confused!

In our second season of perplexing passages, we explore another two perplexing passages to help us appreciate the limits of our knowing, the importance of context, and how to work through sections of the Bible that we may previously have relegated to the 'too-hard-basket'. It can be surprising how instructive—even the most confusing parts of Scripture—can be.

MULTIMEDIA

1. [SBK Kids Talk](#)
2. [Ezekiel's Vision The Glory of God Revealed](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. [The Book of Ezekiel \(The Bible Project\)](#)

SONGS

EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. [God Is With Me](#)
2. [To God Be the Glory](#)
3. [My God Is Powerful](#)

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PRIMARY

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WARM-UPS

- *Have you ever played charades? This is a game where you have to 'represent' a real object or a real action through mime, and your audience has to guess what you are representing. What actions could you use to represent who God is?*

TEACHING TIME

Ezekiel's Wheels and a Mobile Throne?

God's people, the Israelites, were in exile. This means they had not lived as God had told them to, so they had to leave the promised land and go and live as captives in Babylon. Hard times fell upon them and they wondered if perhaps God had forgotten them? They needed to SEE GOD.

So God gave Ezekiel a vision. A vision isn't like taking a movie of something on your phone. A vision portrays deep truths about God using descriptions. Some of what Ezekiel describes is really difficult for us to imagine. But it helps if we understand he is describing THE GLORY OF GOD.

- a) **Lightning Storm** - God is all powerful and is at the centre of all things.
- b) **Four Creatures** - God is the creator of all and creation moves in accordance with God's will.

- c) **Wheels** - God is present everywhere and is able to see all things. Nothing is beyond God's sight or control.
- d) **Roof (and floor)** - God is unrivalled and His resources unlimited
- g) **Throne with human figure** - This is the Glory of the Lord.

Ezekiel must have found it really hard to even find the words to describe the glory of God! Fire, light, a rainbow - Ezekiel was captivated! He fell down in true worship - He valued God above all else. Do we?

God wants us to be captivated by His beauty and overwhelmed by His greatness also. How do we see God's Glory today? By knowing Jesus.

Jesus shows us the truth of who God is. We need to be just as enthralled with who Jesus is as Ezekiel was with the vision of God on His throne. Our challenge is to look to Jesus and see His Glory, even when we face trials. **HIS** greatness must be **OUR** focus!

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Early Childhood

What is God like?

2. Lower Primary

How would you describe God?

3. Middle Primary

How did Ezekiel describe God?

4. Upper Primary

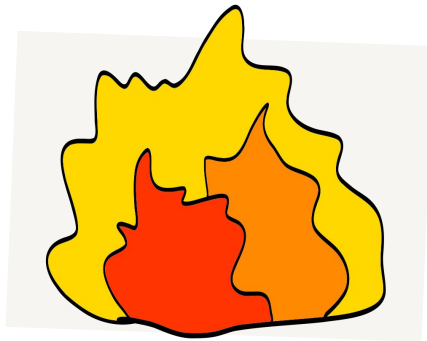
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Early Childhood

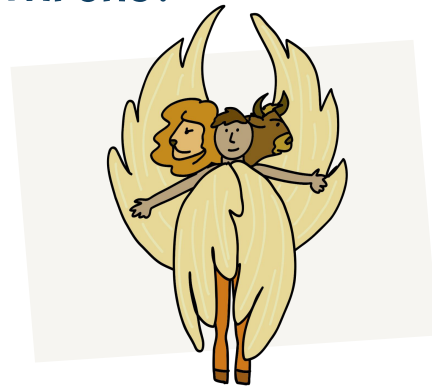
Ezekiel's Wheels and a Mobile Throne?



One day, God gave a priest named Ezekiel a very special vision. Ezekiel saw a huge storm coming towards him.

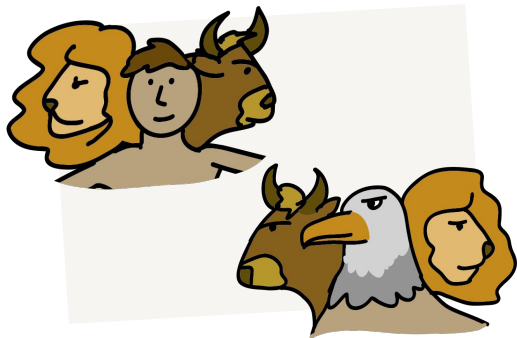


It looked like a giant cloud with bright fire and lightning inside it.



Then Ezekiel saw four very unusual creatures! They looked a little bit like people, but they had four faces and four wings. They also had hands.

Early Childhood



Each creature had four different faces. One face looked like a person, one looked like a lion, one looked like a bull, and one looked like an eagle.

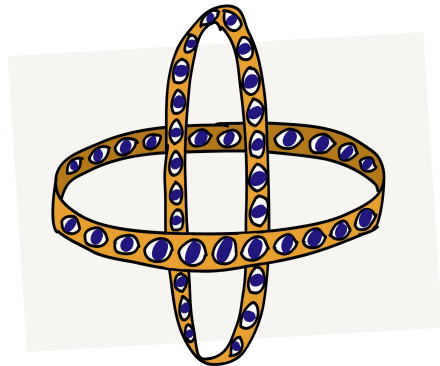


The creatures moved wherever the spirit led them. They always went where God wanted them to go.

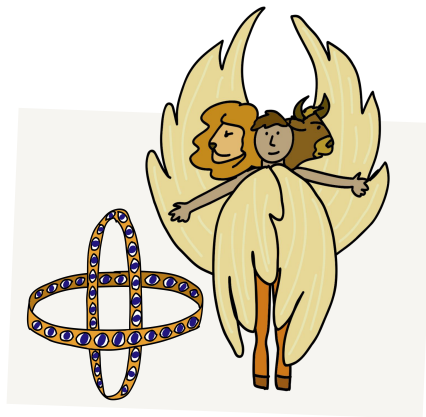


The creatures looked like they were made of fire! Bright flashes of lightning came from the fire.

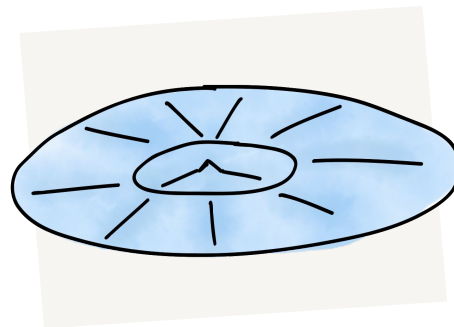
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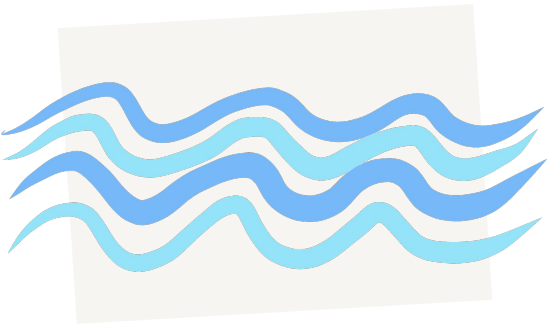
Then Ezekiel noticed something else. Beside each creature was a wheel. The wheels were huge and full of eyes.



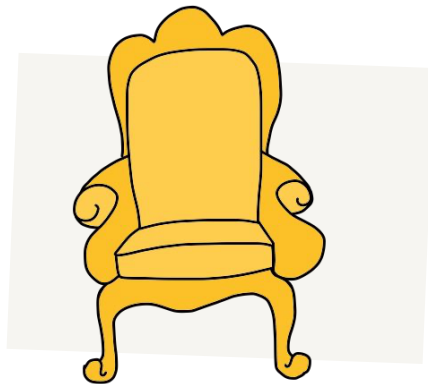
The wheels could move in any direction. Whenever the creatures moved, the wheels moved too. Wherever the spirit went, the creatures and the wheels went.



Above the creatures was something that looked like a beautiful, shining roof.



When the creatures moved their wings, Ezekiel heard a very loud sound, like the roar of rushing waters! When the creatures stopped, they folded their wings.



Then Ezekiel heard a voice from above them. He looked up and saw something that looked like a throne. Above the throne was a bright, shining figure.

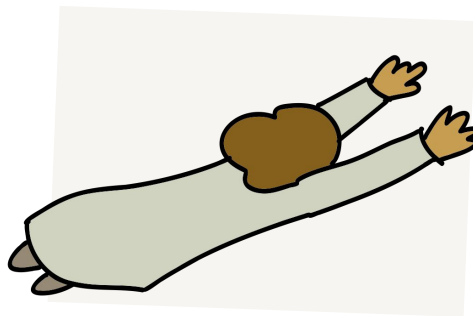


There was light and brightness all around! It reminded Ezekiel of the beautiful colours of a rainbow in the sky after the rain.

Early Childhood



Ezekiel knew that he was seeing the glory of God!



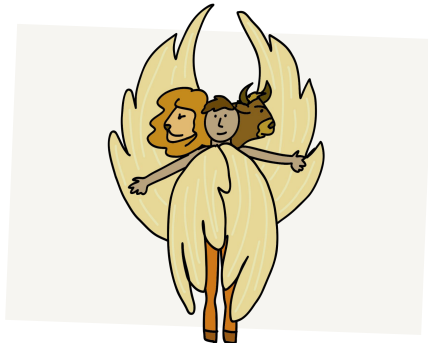
When Ezekiel saw this amazing vision, he fell down with his face to the ground. Then he heard God speaking to him.

Lower Primary

Ezekiel's Wheels and a Mobile Throne?

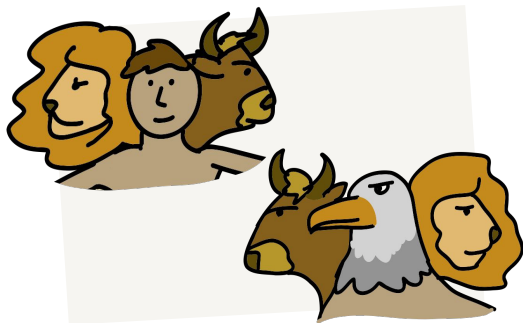


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Each had the form of a human being, but each also had four faces and four wings, and human hands. When they moved, they went straight forward.

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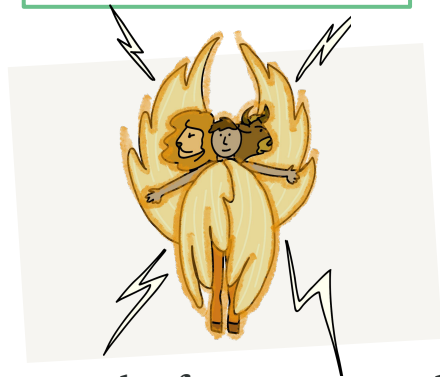


10-12 Their faces looked like this: In front a human face, on the right side the face of a lion, on the left the face of an ox, and on the back the face of an eagle.

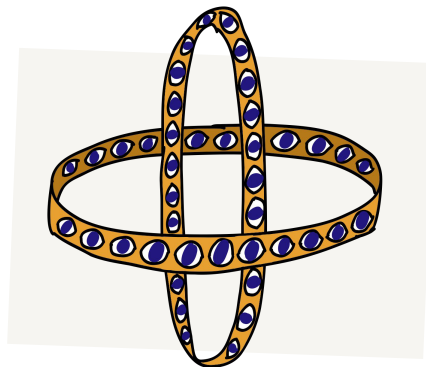


One pair of the wings was spread out; the other pair of wings covered its body. Each creature went straight ahead. Wherever the spirit went, they went.

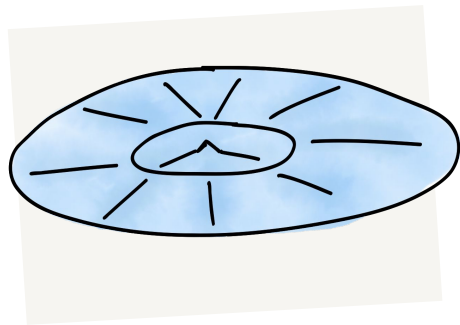
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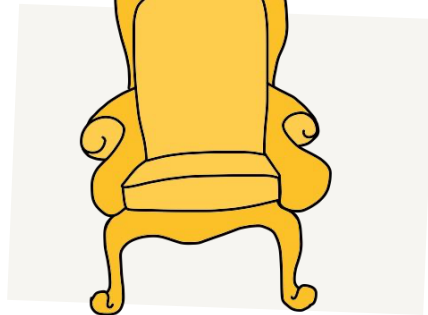
13-16 The four creatures looked like fiery torches. Tongues of fire shot back and forth between them, and out of the fire came bolts of lightning. As I watched the four creatures, I saw something that looked like a wheel on the ground beside each of them.



17-21 The wheels were huge and full of eyes. When the living creatures went, the wheels went. Wherever the spirit went they went because the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

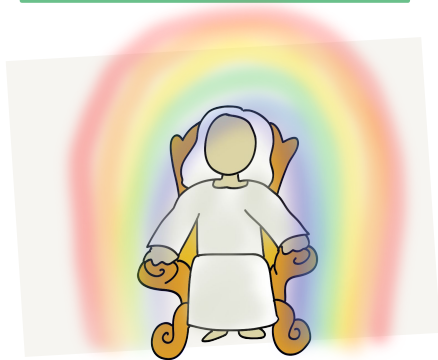


22-24 Over the heads of the living creatures was something like a shining roof. When they moved, their wings made the sound like the roar of rushing waters, like the voice of Almighty God. When they stopped, they folded their wings.



25-28 And then, as they stood with folded wings, there was a voice from over their heads. Above the roof there was something that looked like a throne, with a humanlike figure towering above the throne.

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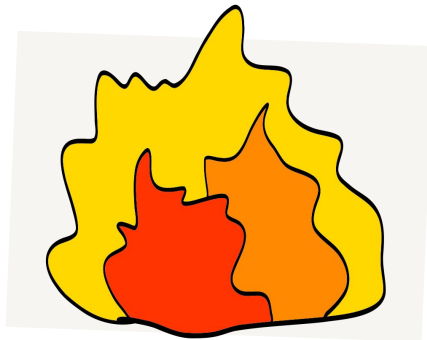
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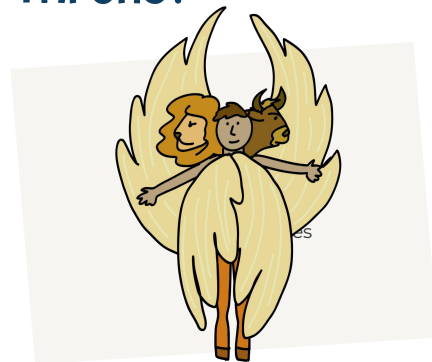
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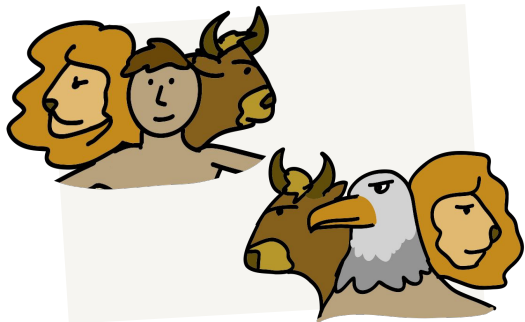


Within the fire were what looked like four strange creatures vibrant with life. Each had the form of a human being, but each also had four faces and four wings with the wings touching one another.



Their legs were as sturdy as columns, but their feet were like those of a calf and sparkled from the fire. The creatures turned neither one way nor the other; they went straight forward.

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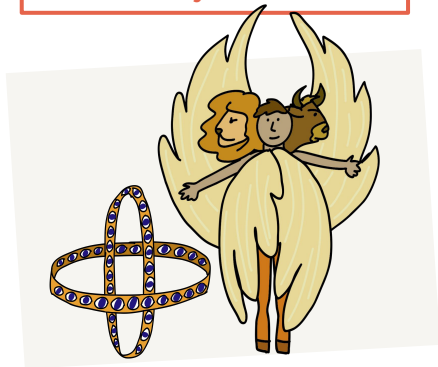


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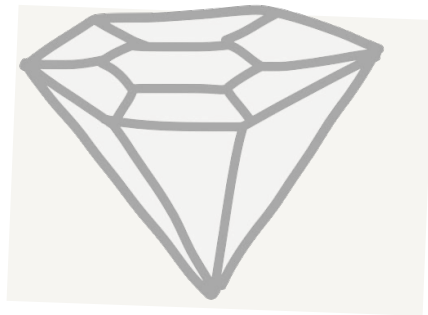


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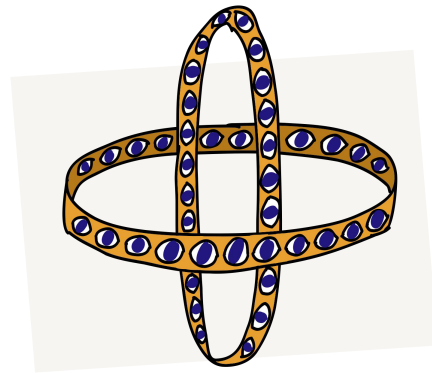
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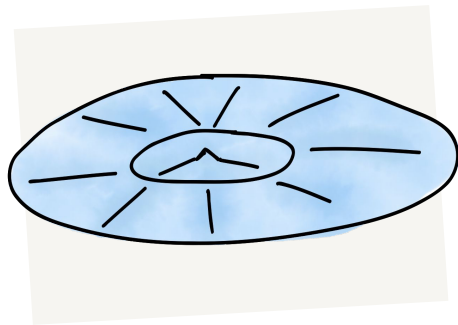


The wheels all looked the same; sparkling like diamonds in the sun. It looked like they were wheels within wheels, like a gyroscope.

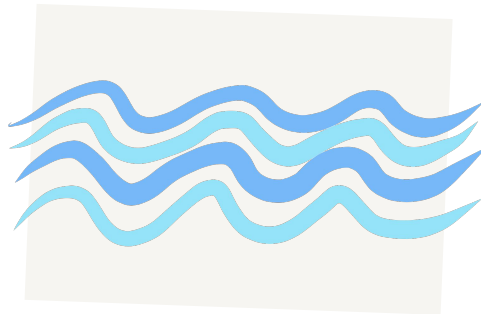


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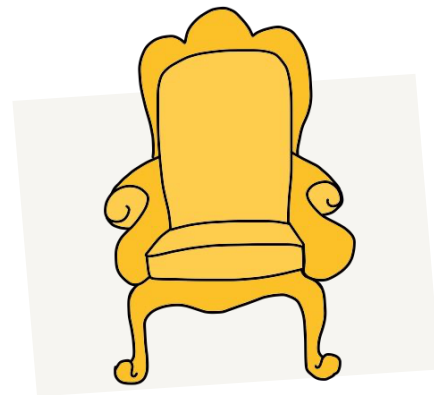
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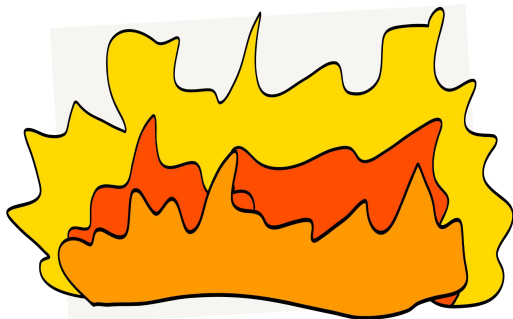


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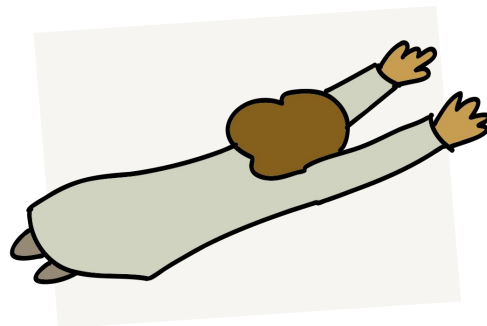
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

View SBK ebook Ezekiel 1:4-28

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FOCUS

Ezekiel saw an incredible vision from God, and it showed him how amazing and powerful God is. Ezekiel's vision shows us that God is always with us and He is in control.

Early Childhood

PRAYER

Dear God,
THANK YOU that you are amazing!
THANK YOU that you are always with us.
HELP US to worship you and obey you.
Amen.

1. What do you think God is like?

Listen as children share their ideas. He is good and kind. God loves us etc. Ask what they would draw if they had to draw a picture of God?

2. Let's have a look at the pictures in our bible passage today. These are some of the pictures God gave to Ezekiel to tell others what He is like? What did Ezekiel see?

Ask children to identify the pictures they see - fire, lightening, storm clouds, big chair, rainbows, wheels etc.

3. These aren't pictures of God, but they tell us something about God. Let's see if we can work out together what they might mean?

Fire - God is powerful

Lightning - God is everywhere

Big Chair - God is on His throne

Rainbow - God keeps His promises

4. How should we respond to who God is?

We should love Him.

We should thank Him.

We should tell others about Him.

We should obey Him.

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Lower Primary

PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank you that you are an amazing, powerful and glorious God
Thank you that you are always with your people.
Thank you that you are King and that you are in control.
Help us to worship you and obey you.
Amen!

Read Ezekiel 1:4-28 SBK Lower Primary Scripture

- 1. In today's reading, a prophet named Ezekiel is describing something very special. What do you think it is?**

Ezekiel is describing a vision that God gave him. The vision is telling us about God's GLORY!

- 2. Can you name some of the objects in Ezekiel's vision?**

Children might like to refer to the pictures in the SBK bible passage or refer to what they've heard being read out. Clouds, lightning, bright lights, fire, living creatures, wheels, roof, human figures etc.

- 3. Well these things are perplexing aren't they! They are really difficult for us to understand. But we know they are meant to teach us something about God - let's look at them more carefully and think about what they mean.**

Lightning storm - have you ever been in a storm? If you have you will know that the wind is very powerful and the thunder is so loud it can sometimes make your house shake. This teaches us that God is all powerful!

Living creatures - they looked a little like people, a little like animals, a little like angels and a little like precious metals. This reminds us of all the things God created. And you know what - all of these

things followed God all of the time. This teaches us that God wants us to follow Him and obey Him at all times too!

Wheels - there were wheels inside wheels and they sparkled and were covered with eyes! This teaches us that God is everywhere and sees all things, all the time! God is always on the move.

Roof - this was above and below the creatures (all of God's creation) and sparkled like crystal. This teaches us that there is NO ONE like God. God is God and we are not!

Human Figure - seated on a throne and radiantly shining with light. This teaches us that God is King over everything and He is glorious!

- 4. What is something about God you can be certain of after reading this?**

God is glorious! Nothing is beyond God's control. God is at the centre of all things. God is always with us. God wants us to obey Him. God wants us to worship Him.

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Amen!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Ezekiel 1:4-28 from SBK Middle Primary Scripture

1. **In our reading today, God's people had been taken captive in Babylon because they had disobeyed Him. How did God speak to His people?**

God gave Ezekiel a vision. This was a picture of His glorious presence and power. Ezekiel had to describe it to the Israelites so that they would know that God hadn't left them and would always be with them.

2. **Can you name some of the things that Ezekiel described?**

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3. **If you've ever seen a map, you'll know that lines and symbols are used to represent a town, its streets and its buildings. Ezekiel's vision also represents some very important truths. Discuss what they might be.**

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SERIES

Perplexing Passages

BIBLE FOCUS

Ezekiel 1:4-28

TOPIC

Ezekiel's Wheels and a Mobile Throne?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Ezekiel 1:4-28 from the NIRV Bible

1. Who was Ezekiel?

Ezekiel was an Israelite priest and a prophet who lived during the time of the exile. He was a man who faithfully obeyed God and fearlessly proclaimed God's word.

2. Why do you think God gave Ezekiel a vision for His people?

God's people (the Israelites) were in exile. This means they had been forced to leave the Promised Land due to the sins they had committed. They had hit hard times and began to wonder if God had forgotten them.

3. Can you suggest what the purpose of this vision was?

God wanted to overwhelm His people with His glory. He wanted to captivate them so they would have no doubt that He was in control, He was with them and He was always at work!

4. Which part of the vision do you find most perplexing?

Discuss the five layers of the vision as it unfolds and observe what is highlighted. 1) The windstorm from the north 2) The four living creatures 3) The wheels 4) The roof, or expanse, above their heads 5) The throne with a human figure.

5. This is called 'prophetic literature'. Suggest what this means?

This means a human voice is carrying a message from God. We are being shown something that is really difficult to describe in human words.

6. We must be careful not to think we can fully explain parts of Scripture such as this that we are not given full explanations for. We can however focus on aspects of which we are certain. From this passage, what can we learn about

a) The nature of God?

God is beautiful, powerful, glorious, beyond description.

b) God's presence?

God not only sees us at all times but He is present with us always.

c) God's mission and call?

God calls and equips His people, even in times of disaster. God longs for His people to be faithful to Him and actively at work.

d) Our response?

God's sovereign reign has no limits and that includes our hearts. Valuing God above all else is the only right response to who He is. God wants us to see Him, be overwhelmed by Him and captivated by His love.

I looked, and I saw a windstorm coming out of the north —an immense cloud with flashing lightning and surrounded by brilliant light. The center of the fire looked like glowing metal, and in the fire was what looked like four living creatures. Ezekiel 1:4-5a

FOCUS

Ezekiel saw an incredible vision from God, and it showed him how amazing and powerful God is. Ezekiel's vision shows us that God is always with us and He is in control.

Upper Primary

PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank you that you are an amazing, powerful and glorious God
Thank you that you are always with your people.
Thank you that you are King and that you are in control.
Help us to worship you and obey you.
Amen!

FOCUS

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

Dear God,

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THANK YOU that you are always with us.

HELP US to worship you and obey you.

Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear God,

Thank you that you are an amazing, powerful and glorious God

Thank you that you are always with your people.

Thank you that you are King and that you are in control.

Help us to worship you and obey you.

Amen!

TIPS

Take time this week to worship God, for He is amazing, powerful and always with us.

Early Childhood

Dear God,
THANK YOU that you are amazing!
THANK YOU that you are always with us.
HELP US to worship you and obey you.
Amen.

Sunday School

Dear God,

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Thank you that you are King and that you are in control.

Help us to worship you and obey you.

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In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.

EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Sensory Play: Shiny Things
- Collage
- Car Play
- Toy Animal Play
- How Many Eyes? (Kindy)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Magnifying Glasses (Prep)
- Ezekiel's Vision (1-2)
- God Speaks (3-4)
- Bible Location Race (5-6)

GAMES

- Corners (Kindy)
- Bible Taboo (Prep-Yr 6)

Sensory Play: Shiny Things

YOU'LL NEED...

- Sensory Table
- Mirror insert (optional)
- Various items that 'shine'

STEPS

1. Set out the sensory table with a variety of items that are either shiny in appearance or help shine light. Allow the children to play and explore these items.

Examples of items may include:

- > torch
- > tinsel
- > mirrors
- > fluoro pens
- > cellophane
- > silver jug or teapot
- > metallic objects
- > lantern
- > candle (unlit)
- > cut out stars
- > metal tray
- > shiny fabric with stars on
- > alfoil balls

Photo example sourced from
www.theimaginationtree.com



Link

Ezekiel saw something shining brightly in his vision. The shiny things remind us that God is glorious, amazing and full of light.

Collage

YOU'LL NEED...

- Small squares of yellow cellophane
- Glue Sticks
- Printout Worksheet #1

STEPS

1. Give each child Worksheet #1 God's Glory, a glue stick and some cellophane squares.
2. Encourage the children to glue the cellophane on and around the words.



Link

Ezekiel's vision showed him how amazing and glorious God is. We can use our collage to celebrate and remember how wonderful God is.

God's

Glory

Car Play

YOU'LL NEED...

- Road Rug
- Toy Cars

SERIES

Perplexing Passages

BIBLE FOCUS

Ezekiel 1:4-28

TOPIC

Ezekiel's Wheels and a Mobile Throne?

WEEK

1

STEPS

1. Get out the toy cars and set them up on the road rug.
2. Encourage the children to play with the cars.
3. Show the kids the wheels on the cars and talk to them about Ezekiel's vision and the wheels he saw.



Link

Ezekiel saw wheels with eyes in his vision. Reminding us that God is present everywhere and is able to see all things. Nothing is beyond God's sight or control.

Toy Animal Play

YOU'LL NEED...

- Toy Animals

STEPS

1. Set up the toy animals on the table for the children to play with.
2. Let the kids play, explore and name the animals.
3. Talk about today's story. Mention the creature Ezekiel saw in his vision and the different faces it had.



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Ezekiel saw a creature with different animal faces. God made all kinds of amazing animals and this vision shows us just how creative, powerful and amazing God is.

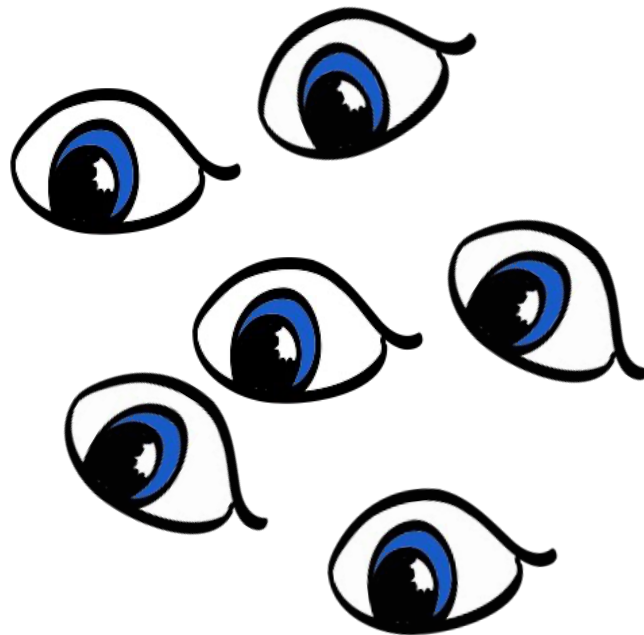
How Many Eyes?

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout Worksheet #2
- Coloured Pencils
- Clipboards if needed

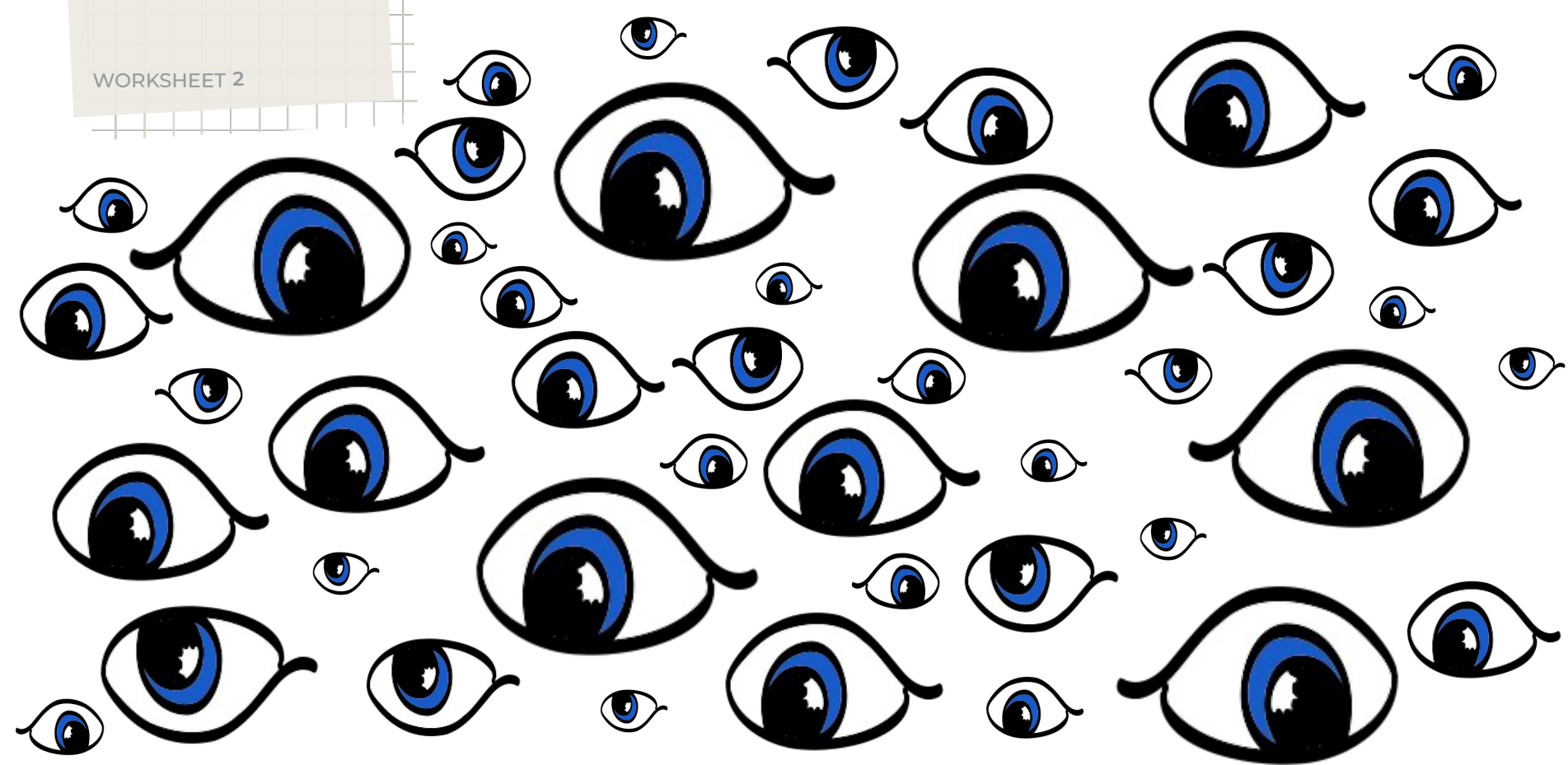
STEPS

1. Hand out the activity sheet and pencils.
2. Encourage the children to count the eyes and help them write the number in the space provided.
3. Remind the children of Ezekiel's vision and the wheels covered in eyes.



Link

Ezekiel's vision was full of strange details, including wheels covered in eyes.



How many eyes? _____

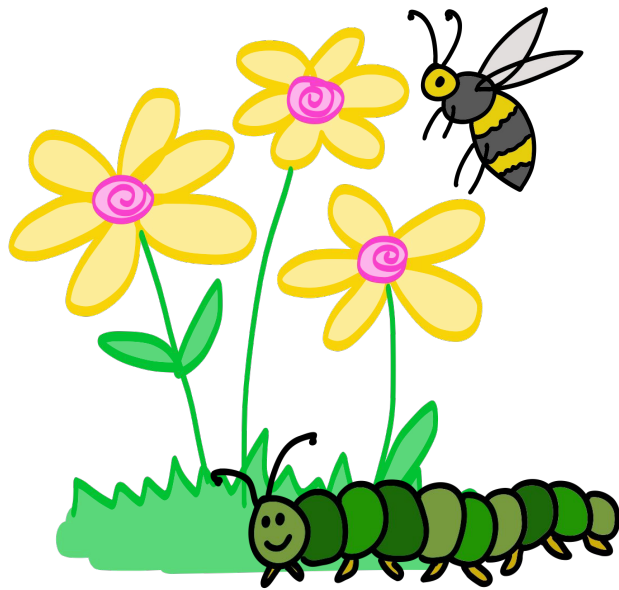
Magnifying Glasses

YOU'LL NEED...

- Magnifying Glasses

STEPS

1. Give each child a magnifying glass and take them for a walk around the gardens and prayer garden.
2. Get the kids to look for different insects, using their magnifying glasses to look up close.
3. See if you can find a strange looking bug and remind the children of today's story and all the strange things Ezekiel saw in his vision.



Link

God has made so many amazing and unusual things. Ezekiel's strange vision reminds us how amazing and powerful God is.

Ezekiel's Vision

YOU'LL NEED...

- Paper
- Clipboards
- Coloured Pencils or Pens
- Bible

SERIES

Perplexing Passages

BIBLE FOCUS

Ezekiel 1:4-28

TOPIC

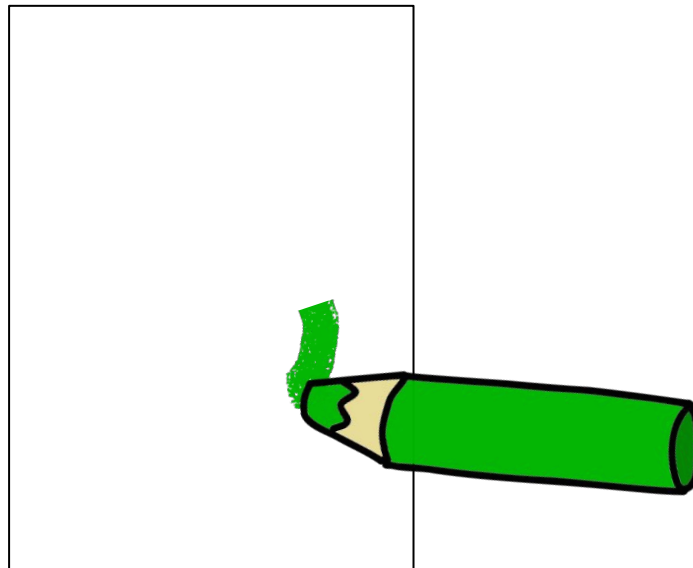
Ezekiel's Wheels and a Mobile Throne?

WEEK

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STEPS

1. Hand out the paper, clipboards and coloured pencils/pens.
2. Read to the children Ezekiel 1:4-28.
3. While you read get the children to draw Ezekiel's vision.



Link

Ezekiel saw some very strange and amazing things in his vision, but they showed him how amazing God is.

God Speaks

YOU'LL NEED...

- Bibles
- Coloured Pencils
- Printout of Worksheet #3

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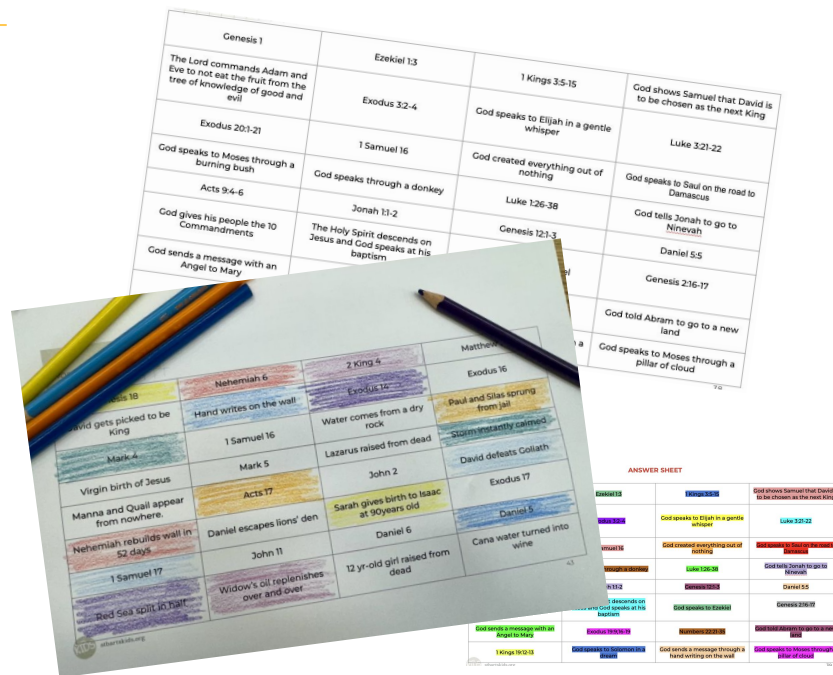
Ezekiel 1:4-28

TOPIC

Ezekiel's Wheels and a Mobile Throne?

STEPS

1. Show the children the grid from worksheet #4. Explain that there are 32 items on the grid: 16 Bible references and 16 titles of events.
2. Starting with any of the Bible references, look up the story and find out which is the title of the story to match the reference. Colour both of these squares in the same colour.
3. Then repeat this for each of the Bible references - trying to find all of the pairs.
4. If there is time, get the children to list some other stories that they know of where God has given someone a message.



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God speaks to Moses through a burning bush	God speaks through a donkey	Luke 1:26-38	God tells Jonah to go to Ninevah
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God gives his people the 10 Commandments	The Holy Spirit descends on Jesus and God speaks at his baptism	God speaks to Ezekiel	Genesis 2:16-17
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ANSWER SHEET

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Bible Location Race

YOU'LL NEED...

- Bibles
- Worksheet #4 (list of Bible references)

SERIES

Perplexing Passages

BIBLE FOCUS

Ezekiel 1:4-28

TOPIC

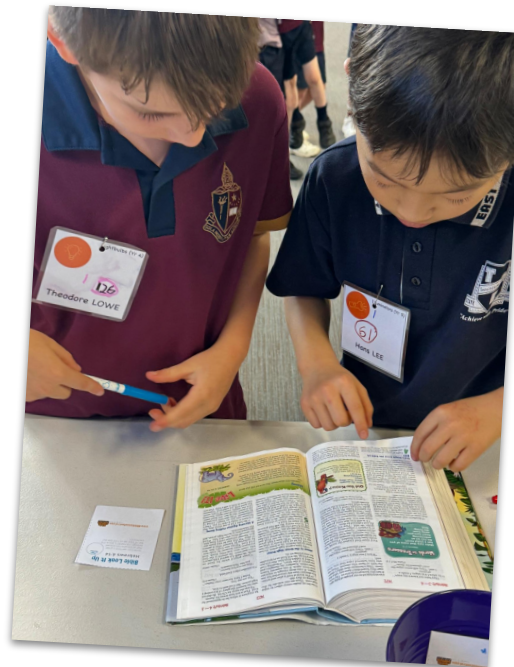
Ezekiel's Wheels and a Mobile Throne?

WEEK

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STEPS

1. Explain that there are lots of ways that God can speak to us. Ask the children of some of the ways they are aware of in which God spoke to people throughout the Bible.
2. Host a race, where each child gets a Bible and must start with the book closed. Then the leader gives a Bible reference and they must race each other to try and be the first to look up the Scripture. Once all have found the verse/s, that child reads the example aloud to the group. Repeat for all of the Bible references listed.


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GAME: Corners

YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout of four large pictures Worksheet #5
- Printout (and cut) smaller pictures (same four as large)
- Blotac
- Music

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BIBLE FOCUS

Ezekiel 1:4-28

TOPIC

Ezekiel's Wheels and a Mobile Throne?

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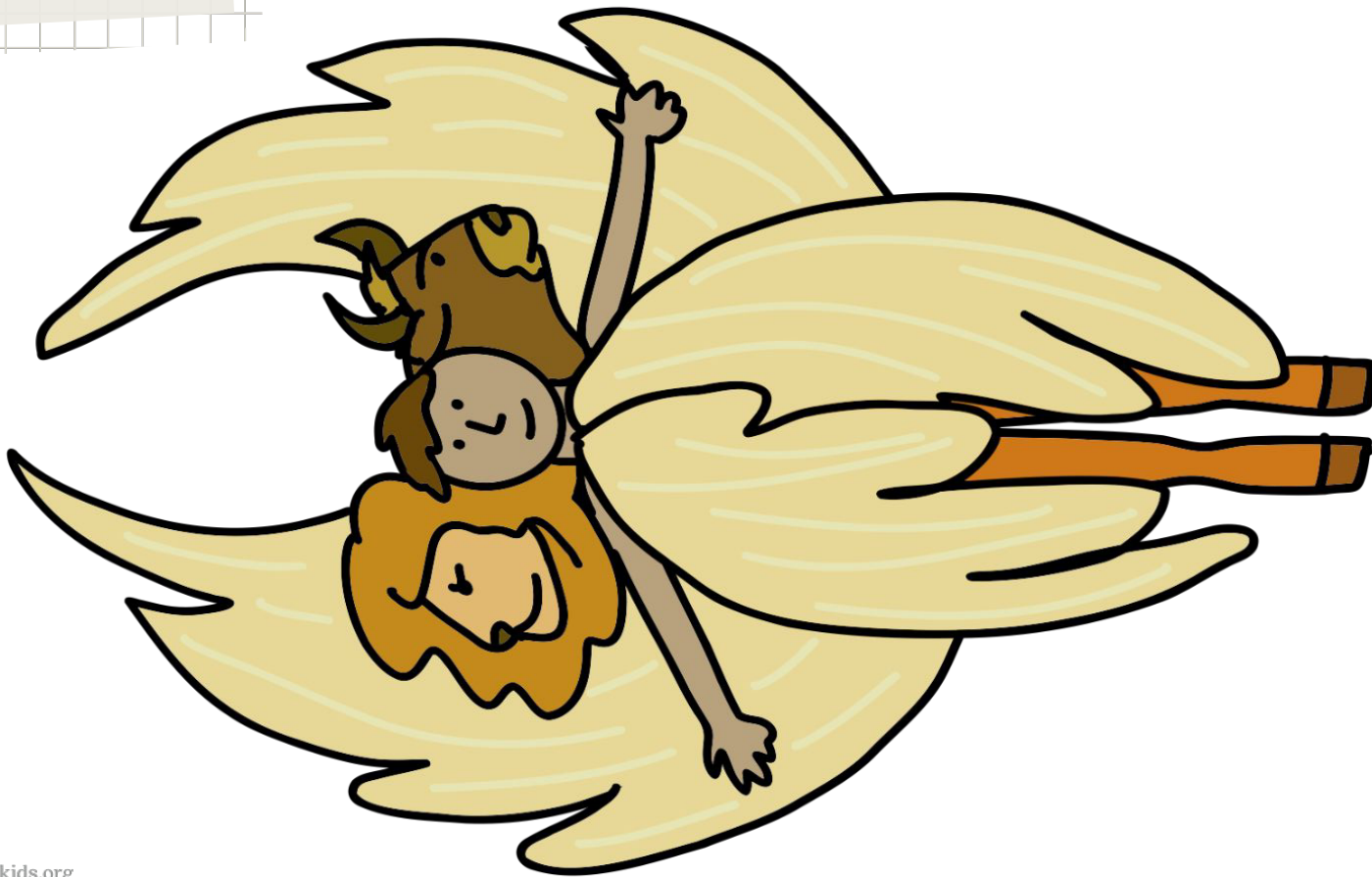
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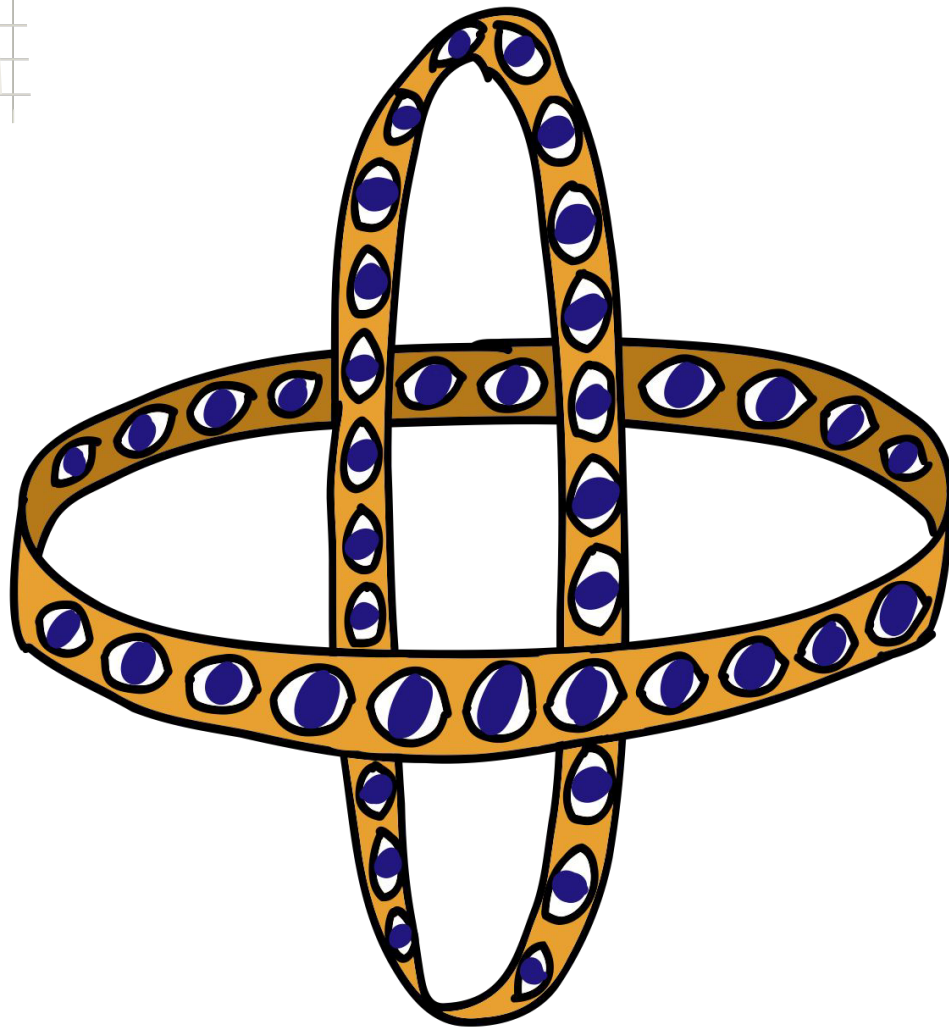
1. Stick up the 4 large pictures in different corners of the room/space (one per corner).
2. Invite the children to dance around while the music plays.
3. When the music stops, select one of the smaller pictures at random and show the kids.
4. Kids must run to the corner with the picture that was picked.
5. Repeat.



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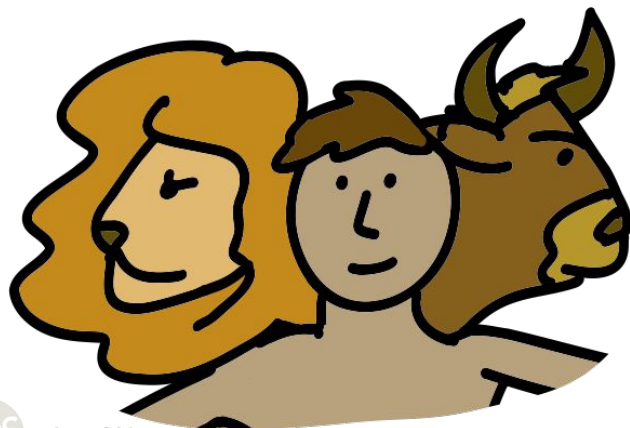
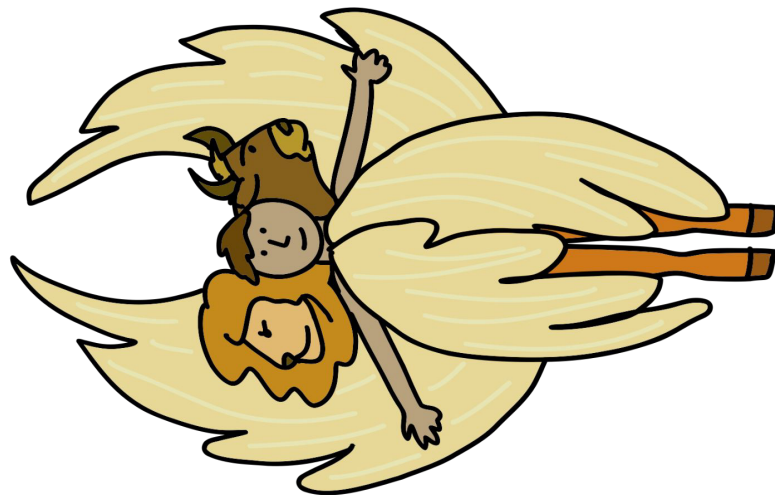
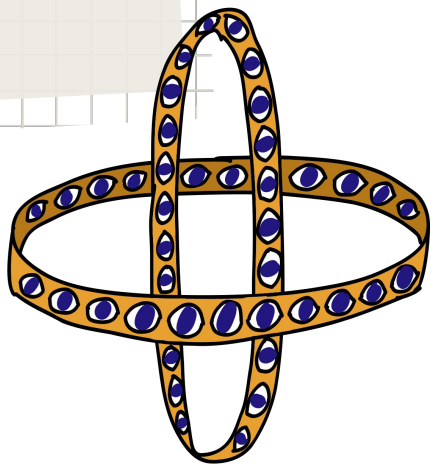
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GAME: Bible Taboo

YOU'LL NEED...

- Bible Taboo Playing Cards (Worksheet #6)
- Timer/Stopwatch

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BIBLE FOCUS

Ezekiel 1:4-28

TOPIC

Ezekiel's Wheels and a Mobile Throne?

WEEK

1

OVERVIEW

GATHER

READ

CHAT

DO

PRAY

STEPS

1. Divide the group into 2 teams.
2. The aim of the game is to describe the key word on a card to your team, without saying any of the 'taboo' words also listed on your card.
3. For each round, only one team will play while the other team watches. Each round lasts 1 minute. Use a stopwatch/timer so teams can see how much time has passed/remains.
4. For each round, a new clue-giver should be selected. The rest of the team are the guessers.
5. On 'go', the clue-giver picks up a card and tries to describe the word at the top of the card in order to get their team to correctly guess it, but they are not to use any of the 'taboo' words listed at the bottom of the card.

For instance, a card with "Apple" as the GUESS WORD may have TABOO WORDS of Red, Fruit, Granny Smith, Core, and Pie.

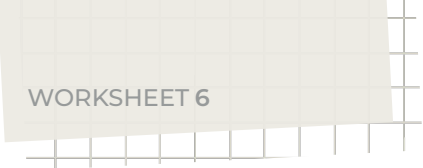
6. Clue-givers are also not allowed to use variations of the Guess Word or any of the Taboo Words. If the clue-giver uses any word on the card or their variations, they must put that card down and select another one.
7. If the team guesses correctly, the clue-giver draws a new card and play continues until the 1 minute is up.
8. The clue-giver is to try and get through as many cards as they can within the 1 minute timer. A point is awarded for every correct guess.

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Apple Red Fruit Granny Smith Core Pie	Mouth Mouth Speak Lips Eat Teeth	Listen Ears Sound Hear Headphones Deaf	Bible Book God's Word Holy Old Jesus
Mirror Reflection Ballroom Face Shiny Opposite	Sin Bad Evil Devil Impure Good	Quick Slow Fast Race Speedy Run	Tongue Taste Mouth Eat Teeth Speech
Eyes Face Body See Purple Black	Pure Perfect Spotless Sinless God Clean	Jesus Cross God's Son Disciple Risen Mary	Angry Cross Temper Mad Furious Scorned
Heart Blood Pump Love Kind Body	Light Bulb Shine Sun Switch Dark	Truth Lies Fact Encyclopedia Speak Gossip	Death Life Buried Jesus Sleeping Hidden
Bible Follower Jesus tz Walk Trust	Crown King Queen Royal Head Rich	Flower Grow Garden Tree Field Bunch	Servant Help Work God Clean Wash

Link

Just like it can be hard to describe the key word in this game without using other (taboo) words, it can be hard to describe events or things in the Bible that seem unusual to us. What we can focus on and be certain of however, is that resurrection and new life is promised to those who trust in Jesus.

A graphic in the top left corner featuring a light beige rectangular area with a faint grid pattern, partially overlapping a larger grid of thin grey lines.

WORKSHEET 6

The printable BIBLE TABOO Game cards can be found on the following pages.



Apple Red Fruit Granny Smith Core Pie	Mouth Words Speak Lips Eat Teeth	Listen Ears Sound Hear Headphones Deaf	Bible Book God's Word Holy Old Jesus
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Tree Grow Soil Garden Fruit Green	Peace War Quiet Still Calm Anxious	Friend Companion Buddy Playmate Person Kind	Clean Tidy Pure Sweep Mop Sanitise
Laugh Funny Joke Humour Mouth Happy	Patient Wait Fruit Hurry Still Accept	Prayer Talk Mouth God Hands Heart	Strong Muscle Weak Powerful Lift Weights
James Brother Jesus Book Author Bible	Spirit Holy Ghost Helper God Trinity	Walk Legs Run Travel March Feet	Cross Jesus Die Crucify Nail Sin
Sing Voice Music Song Praise Worship	Obey Do Rules Follow God Trust	Promise Trust Covenant Abraham Word Rainbow	Rest Sabbath Work Prayer Day Seventh

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