



Series Overview: This month kids will have a chance to journey with a few prophets – Micah, Amos, Zephaniah, Ezekiel, and Isaiah – to discover news they can count on. Kids will learn that when things go wrong, they can choose what's right; when they worship God, they can be sincere; when times are tough, they can count on God; when they are lost, God will guide them, and that they can be faithful just like God is faithful.

Bible Story: Ezekiel: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; (Psalm 95:1-7)

Big Idea: When I am lost, God guides me.

Series Memory Verse: Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. – 1 Corinthians 16:13

Lesson Guide:

1. Have everyone share something they heard from Pastor Brent's message or a question they have from his message.
2. Get a few Bibles, and review the Bible story something like this...
 - Today, we met yet another prophet. His name was Ezekiel. Ezekiel was from Judah, and lived during a really rough time in history. During that time, the people had been living in a way that did not honor God. All of the people of Judah had been exiled to a place called Babylon. Exiled means being sent away from the place where you live.
 - This already sounds like some bad news. However, the breaking news that Ezekiel had was actually good news!
 - Read Ezekiel 34:11-16

- God was not happy with the leaders because they had not been leading the people well at all, but God promised to take care of the people anyway.
- Read Ezekiel 34:20-24
- God had Ezekiel call out the leaders for taking advantage of people who couldn't defend themselves, and He promised to take care of His people like a good shepherd takes care of His sheep.
- Let's think about it like this: God is the shepherd, and the people are God's sheep. God spoke through Ezekiel, sharing a message of hope. Ezekiel was saying that even though the people were like lost sheep, God would bring the people back to where they needed to be.
- **What can we learn from Ezekiel's breaking news?**

3. Bible Story Activity

***Supplies = Piece of paper and a pencil (1 of each per person)**

- Have everyone try to draw a sheep.
- Then show them the following video as a guide, and have them try to draw another sheep.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aryDrEsr7vY>
- The sheep they draw with the guide will most likely be much better.
- If we go through life without a guide or following bad guides, things can get pretty messy. When we learn to listen to God as our guide and trust Him, He promises to be a good shepherd. He promises to be with us, care for us, and make our paths straight. Sheep recognize their shepherd's voice. Can you recognize God's voice?
- God wants to talk with us, but we have to make time to hear what He has to say. We can tune in to God by being quiet and asking Him to say something to you. It might not be through words that you hear. It could be feelings you experience. Or you might get a sense that you are loved. There are a lot of different things God can say to us in different ways.
- I encourage you all to get in a quiet place and be quiet for 1-2 minute 2-3 times a day this week. Ask God to speak to you during those times.

4. Memory Verse Practice:

Supplies = straws –optional- and cotton or paper balls (1 of each per person)

- Look up 1 Corinthians 16:13 with your family and read it out loud.
- Learn the motions in the following video to go along with the verse:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/c3lyb43qnypzm0q/NovMemVerseLylaSophiaVertical.MOV?dl=0>
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each family member a straw (if you do not have straws, you can just blow the cotton/ paper ball directly) and a cotton/ paper ball. Instruct one family member at a time to attempt to guide their sheep home by blowing their cotton ball from one side of a table to the other while the rest of the family says the memory verse aloud. .
- You can allow two family members to guide their sheep at the same time to see who can get their sheep home (across the table) the fastest if you want, as well.
- Just like we are guiding our lost sheep home, God guides us.
- God helps us to be on our guard against evil or bad things, He helps us to stand firm in our faith, and to be courageous and strong along the path where He leads us.
- **Don't forget: When I am lost, God guides me.**

5. Discuss some or all of these questions.

Supplies: Bible(s)

- 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?
- Sometimes, we are like lost sheep. We need a guide! We make mistakes and mess up at times, but God still loves us. God is still willing to guide us when we are lost.
- Read Psalm 95:1-7 together.
- Verse 7 reminds us that God is our shepherd. Just like it says, we are the sheep under God's care.
- When we are lost, in the sense that we don't know what the right thing to do is or we're not sure of what God wants us to do, instead of just trying to "feel our way around" by giving it our best guess, we need to practice listening for God's voice – just like sheep do!
- Let's look at Psalm 95:2. Why do you think we are instructed to "shout triumphantly to God?"
- What are some ways we might feel lost?
- When we are lost, what can we do?
- How can we make sure we are listening to God?

6. Pray with your family.

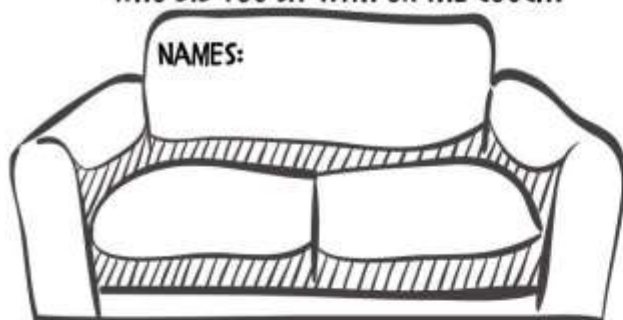
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• DAY _____
• YEAR _____

Sermon Notes From Home



WHO DID YOU SIT WITH ON THE COUCH?



HOW DID YOU WATCH THE
SERMON FROM HOME?



WHAT DO YOU MISS ABOUT CHURCH AT CHURCH?

IF YOU DIDN'T SIT ON THE COUCH, DRAW A PICTURE
OF HOW YOU VIEWED TODAY'S SERMON OR DRAW
A PICTURE OF WHO YOU WATCHED THE SERMON
WITH:

ARE YOU IN YOUR
JAMMIES OR CLOTHES??
DRAW A PICTURE:



TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE:



SOMETHING
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PRAYED FOR:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT
CHURCH AT HOME?



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