



**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:** The Prophet Ezekiel: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

**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. Dance and sing with your child to one, two or all of these songs.
  - Jump Around - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x6r3eWJmCbE>
  - You Are My God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4pvSgUp38c&feature=youtu.be>
  - I Just Want to Be a Sheep - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8GLj2Z7M6o>
2. Open your Bible to Ezekiel, and show your kids where today’s true story is found.

### 3. Tell the Bible story like this:

***\*Supplies = Bible and a real or pretend microphone is optional... you could just pretend your hand or a pencil is a microphone\****

- 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.

### 4. Show this video to review the Bible story:

<https://vimeo.com/465419586/d8d878d526>

### 5. Bible Story Review Game

- Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Today's prophet was named Ezekiel, and he talked about following our leader.
- Let's play a game to demonstrate this.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Have your family stand up. Play a few rounds of "Follow the Leader." Tell your family to follow everything you do. Then trade off, and let someone else be the leader.
- Great job following the different leaders in our game!
- Who did Ezekiel say is our ultimate leader? Exactly, it's God!
- God is good and loving and He knows and sees everything, so He is the perfect leader for us.
- God will guide you every day of your life if you will look to Him.
- And remember, even when you are lost, God will guide you!

## 6. Memory Verse Practice

**\*Supplies = straws – optional - and cotton balls or a white paper ball (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/c3lyb43gnypzm0q/NovMemVerseLylaSophiaVertical.MOV?dl=0>
- INSTRUCTIONS: Give each family member a straw (if you do not have a straw, they can just blow directly at the cotton or paper ball) 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 the table to the other while the rest of your family says the memory verse aloud.
- You can also allow more than one “shepherd” to go at once, and they can try to get their sheep home (across) the table first.
- 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.**

## 7. Pray with your family.