

Jr Church/Kids Club Lesson for 5/17 Week #12

Ezekiel Follows God's Bizarre and Gross Orders

Key Point: We obey God no matter what

Bible Passage: Ezekiel 2:2-3; 4:1-5:10

Weird Instructions

We are going to talk about something that happened in Ezekiel Chapter 4 in the Bible. Ezekiel was a prophet. Prophets were people God spoke to in a special way. Ezekiel lived during a time when God's people had ignored him and were in trouble. God gave special messages to the people through Ezekiel... with some strange and pretty gross instructions. First, God told Ezekiel to draw on a clay brick the city of Jerusalem under attack. Imagine how sad Ezekiel was to learn that his home city of Jerusalem would be captured. Next, God told Ezekiel to lie down on one side for more than a year! God said that this symbolized Ezekiel bearing the sins of the people of Israel. Imagine what it would be like if you had to pay for all of the sins your friends ever committed! God even told Ezekiel to eat bread cooked over poop, representing the hard times God's people would have. Gross! Ezekiel could only drink a small amount of water, showing that the people in Jerusalem wouldn't have much to drink, either. What's something you'd really miss if you could not eat or drink it anymore? God also told Ezekiel to shave his head and beard. Ezekiel had to divide up his hair, burn some of it, and scatter the rest. The hair represented the Israelites. Some of them would die. The rest would have to live far away from their families and friends because they ignored God. All these weird instructions were to show the Israelites that they'd ignored God and would be punished. How have we ignored God? We need to remember to obey God, no matter what! God's orders probably seemed really weird to Ezekiel, just as they seem weird to us. Thankfully, most of the commands God wants us to obey- like loving, forgiving, being nice, telling the truth- aren't weird or gross at all!

Questions:

1. What instructions from God seem sort of bizarre to you today?

2. How do you think most people look at commands from God such as “put others first” or “love your enemies”?
3. Explain whether it’s easier or harder to obey God knowing it might make you unpopular?

Play with ideas and our song:

Today, instead of moving and singing along to a YouTube video, I’d like you to lie down on your side the whole time the music is playing and think about how hard that must have been for Ezekiel. Think about the different kinds of sins people commit- saying bad words, lying, being rude, etc. Would you be willing to be uncomfortable for a whole year?

I Obey Right Away Song:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTk_k1LT1-k

Let’s watch a video on YouTube to see what this might have looked like:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3FxU5o3-2s>

Let’s Pray

Dear Lord, today we learned that you asked Ezekiel to do some pretty gross things and you spoke to him about things that were going to happen. Lord, help us to obey you as faithfully as Ezekiel did. Help us to obey when it’s hard, when it might not make us the most popular. We know we need to obey you always, no matter what. Be with us when that gets extra hard. Put grown ups around us to help encourage us and keep us strong. It is in Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kS1v154C83A&list=PLYxKO5HxDR7z79sBDJzYs6xak7B2dpeht&index=2&t=0s>

