

live?" "O Lord God, thou knowest," answered the prophet.

Then God said, "speak to these dead bones and say, 'Ye shall live. I will cover you with flesh and skin, and give you breath to make you alive, because I am the Lord.'"

Ezekiel did as he was told.

When he had spoken the words, he heard a strange rattling sound. All the bones began to move and when he looked again, they were covered with flesh.

God said, "Now call to the wind to come and give them breath that they may live."

When the wind blew, Ezekiel saw a wonderful sight—instead of the bones, the valley was full of strong, living men, a very great army.

Then God explained the vision. He told Ezekiel that the Jewish people in Babylon were like a lot of dead bones, but that He, by His Spirit, would some day make them a great nation again, for He is the living God.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is a prophet? Ans.—A good and holy man who speaks for God to men.
2. What is the name of the prophet in to-day's lesson? Ans.—Ezekiel.
3. How did God speak to Ezekiel? Ans.—In visions.
4. What is a vision? Ans.—Something like a picture.
5. Why did God use pictures? Ans.—To make it easy for people to understand Him.
6. What did Ezekiel see in a vision? Ans.—A valley full of dry bones.
7. What did God say about them? Ans.—"Can these bones live?"
9. What did Ezekiel answer? Ans.—"O Lord God, thou knowest."
10. What did God tell Ezekiel to say to the bones? Ans.—"Ye shall live because I am the Lord."
11. What did God do to the bones? Ans.—He made them into a living army of men.
12. How? Ans.—By His Spirit.
13. What were the bones a picture of? Ans.—The Jewish people. They were not living for God.
14. What did God want to show them? Ans.—That He would make them alive and strong by His Spirit.
15. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"I will put my Spirit within you."

Clara's Vision

"Mother," said Clara, looking up from her lesson paper one Sunday afternoon, "I wish God would let me see a vision; I'm going to ask Him."

"Pooh!" said Tom, "what nonsense! There are no visions now; are there, mother?"

"Oh yes, dear, plenty, if you only know where to look for them." "Real visions?"

"Yes, dear. If you will come with me I'll show you one."

Mother walked down the garden, until she came to the old apple-tree. There she broke off a little branch. The blossoms were just over. "Do you see that funny little green thing where the blossom was, Clara? Well, there's a whole apple-tree curled up in that little green knob. Once this big tree was as small as that, but God watched over it and sent His sun and rain to feed it until it grew a large, strong tree."

"That's a very nice vision," said Clara. "Come, Tom, let's find some more."

I HAVE LEARNED TO-DAY THAT God will give me new life in my soul

Golden Text—I will put my spirit within you.—Ezek. 36: 27.

Catechism—43. What did Jesus do to save us from our sins? Jesus obeyed God's law perfectly and died for us.

Lesson Hymn

SPIRIT of purity and grace,
Our weakness, pitying, see:
O make our hearts Thy dwelling-place,
And worthier Thee. Amen.
—Hymn 111, Book of Praise.