



EZEKIEL 4 THE SIEGE

Scripture: Ezekiel 4

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Pan, clay, sign that says "SIN," Optional fake poop (the kids will love it, but use your discretion), 230 g of bread, 2/3 quart water, ropes.

Ask

Before the lesson, figure out what day it was 40 days ago and 390 days ago.

Ask the children what they did on (your determined date) 390 days ago?

What did they eat?

Ask them what they ate 40 days ago and what they did?

That's a long time ago, right? A lot has happened since then. Today, we're going to talk about what God called Ezekiel to do for those same number of days.

(*Bonus* You can mark on a calendar 40 days after the lesson and 390 days after the lesson and then remind the kids of the lesson on those days and explain that's how long Ezekiel did that.)

Read and Act

This is a long passage, so act it out while you read. Have a student or teacher be Ezekiel and have them do everything you say. (Have the Ezekiel build a wall with the clay, have him build ramparts to besiege it (of clay), have him place the pan, loosely tie him with ropes, etc. When it comes to the food and water, show your example of how much that is (it will be 230g of bread and 2/3 a quart of water).

Ask

What do you think you would have done if you were Ezekiel?

Do you think it would have been hard to follow God's commands?

How do you think the people responded? (After answers, remind the kids of the stubborn hearts of the Israelites from last week).

Explain

God may never call us to do all of this, but God does call us to do hard things, just like we talked about last week. Were you able to do any hard things for God last week? Allow students to share.

Craft:

Create a "Heart Holder." This can be done one of two ways.

Option 1:

Fill out paper hearts for the kids to pick from once a week of something that maybe feels hard that they can do for Jesus.

Option 2:

Leave the heart empty and fill it with notes when they do something hard for Jesus.

Explain:

Today, we're going to create a heart holder to help remind us to live for Jesus- even when it's hard- throughout the week. Or to look back on times that we've done something that seemed hard, so we can be encouraged the next time God calls us to something hard.

Main Point:

We want soft, obedient hearts like Ezekiel had, so let's fill our craft hearts and real hearts with desires and ideas that help us live for Jesus.

Explain

Next week, we'll dive into why the Israelites were facing this punishment from God.

Memorize Ezekiel 4:7**Close in Prayer**

This is a very simple heart. You can search the internet for all different kinds of valentine heart holders to find one you like. In this one, you take a piece of construction paper, fold it in half vertically (hot dog style), Then fold the bottom corners up to the middle. Tape it. Then, cut the back into two bumps to make a heart. Inside, the kids can either pull out something hard they can do for Jesus, or put one in once they accomplish something.