

# Children's Messages

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## The Word Works Wonders

**Text:** Ezekiel 37:1–14

**Visual:** cake pan

**Summary:** God's Word is powerful, and it makes incredible things happen.

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**H**ey, guys, I need some help. I have this cake pan here, and it's empty. *Show the pan.* My friend's birthday is today, and I want to give him a cake. I want it to be magnificent! Ten layers! With a different flavor of frosting for each layer. What flavors could I choose? *Receive responses.*

That sounds great! Here's my problem. Every time I tell the cake to appear, nothing happens! *Demonstrate a few times, saying things like, "1, 2, 3, cake!" or "Now . . . cake!"* Why isn't this working? *Receive responses.* Well, that's really frustrating. You see, I was thinking about the Bible lesson for today, and I thought that maybe I could "Snap!" make a cake appear.

Did you hear? In the Bible, God brought the prophet Ezekiel to a big valley with lots of dry bones. He told Ezekiel to speak God's Word to the bones so they could live again! First, he told the bones all to come together, then to grow new muscles and skin, and then God spoke through Ezekiel to bring breath into the bones. They were living, breathing people again! "Snap!" All because of God's Word.

It's just like creation. Remember how God made the heavens and the earth and all the trees and plants, fish and animals, and every living thing? It was beautiful! How did he do that? *Receive responses.* That's right! His Word! He spoke and "Snap!" it happened. Just like it happened with Ezekiel and the valley of dry bones. God's Word is powerful.

So, I guess you know I was just kidding about my cake. I know that I'm not God and I can't just speak a word to make my ten-layer cake appear. But our Lord does speak through his servants, his pastors, in other ways . . . and things happen! God's Word says to us that Jesus died and rose again for us, and "Snap!" that Word creates faith in our hearts whenever the Holy Spirit wills. Pastor says, "I forgive you all your sins," and "Snap!" our sins are forgiven and "Snap!" we have eternal life. Just like when God created the world through his Word, now he creates this beautiful new life for us. See? His powerful Word does amazing things! God uses his Word to do amazing things for you too. "Snap!" Just like that.

Let's pray. Heavenly Father, you made wonderful things happen for your people throughout history. Please keep speaking to us so that we see how your powerful Word always does what it promises, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

