

Lesson 11

Ezekiel Eats A Book

Bible Reference: Ezekiel 1:1; 2:8-3:14

Memory Verse: "... all my words ... receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears." (Ezekiel 3:10)

The prophet Ezekiel once had a dream. He told about his dream in the book he wrote.

Just like the other prophets, Ezekiel was to preach to the people. He was to try to get them to obey God. The people had gone far from God and did not want to obey.

In Ezekiel's dream, he saw a hand. The hand held a book. The books then, of course, were made differently from our books today. They were a roll of paper that was rolled on sticks or some sort of rod. Ezekiel saw that on the front and back of the book were written words. The words were from God.

God told Ezekiel to eat the roll. He told him to put it into his mouth, and be filled with it. So Ezekiel did as God said. He ate the book. When he ate it, it tasted sweet. He said it tasted as sweet as honey. It was sweet because it came from God.

After Ezekiel ate the book, God told him to go speak to the Israelites. He was to speak only the words which God gave him. The people, God said, would have no trouble understanding Ezekiel. They would know what to do to obey God. They must be willing to obey.

Ezekiel knew how wicked the people were. Even though Ezekiel was afraid, God promised that He would be with him. He told Ezekiel not to be discouraged because of the people. God told Ezekiel to receive into his ears and hear the words that He would give him to say. In a special way, God gave Ezekiel the strength he needed to preach to the people.

God wants us to learn His word. He wants us to hear with our ears and keep His word in our hearts. When we learn lessons from God, it is like "eating" His words.

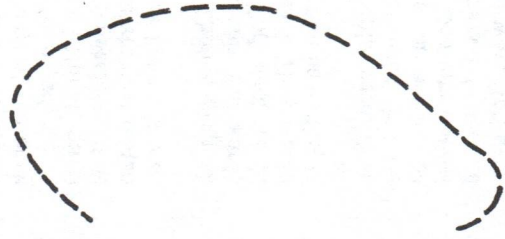
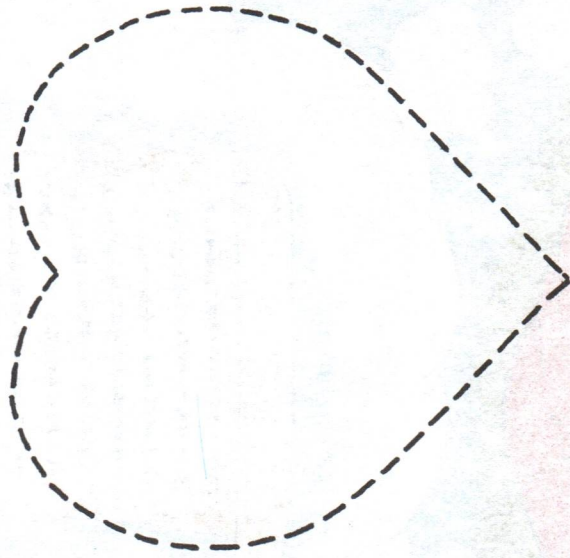
God is so good to us. He will be with us as we follow His word.

Questions:

1. What did God tell Ezekiel to do with the book?
2. What did the book taste like?
3. Whose words were in the book?
4. Should we study God's Word today?



Remove the heart, ear and Bibles from Cut-Out section of workbook. Glue heart and ear in their places, then glue Bibles on top of these.



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