



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 1: Commissioned  
Suggested Week of Use: December 5, 2021  
Core Passage: Ezekiel 3:8-21

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### News Story Summary

On December 8, 2021, a new addition to the U.S. Navy's fleet of ships will be commissioned. The destroyer, named the USS Daniel Inouye (a Medal of honor recipient from WWII and a U.S. senator for 50 years), becomes the eighth guided-missile destroyer to make its home at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickman. It is equipped with integrated air and missile defense capabilities and will carry 300 sailors on board.

For more about this story, search "U.S.S. Daniel Inouye Commissioned"

### Focus Attention

To replace the ideas under Focus Attention, write the following on a large sheet of paper: "Things that are sent:" As adults arrive, hand them a marker and direct them to list things that are sent (letters, packages, soldiers sent to a foreign country, texts, emails, missionaries, kids sent to their room, husbands sent to the store, etc.). State: *There's a unique word for sending someone out with a specific task: commission.* Tell about the USS Daniel Inouye being commissioned and sent to protect the US. Explain that today's lesson focusses on a person God commissioned for a specific mission. Complete the step using the Transition idea.

### Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge, begin by referring back to the story of the ship and sailors being commissioned. Emphasize that the sailors are expected to fulfill their commission. Ask: *How does the tasks of the sailors compare to the tasks assigned to Ezekiel? How does Ezekiel's commission apply to believers today?* Complete the step as written.