

Session 6: Offers Suggested Week of Use: January 9, 2022 Core Passage: Ezekiel 37:1-14

News Story Summary

The mummy of Amenhotep I, who ruled around 1500 B.C., was found 140 years ago. To this day, scientists have not unwrapped it to preserve the bandages and the body, so his physical features and other biological information had remained a mystery. However, Egyptian scientists used x-rays along with computerized tomography (CT) scanning to create digital 3D images. They took thousands of very thin CT image cross-sections of the body. When put together, the images took the form of a complete 3D reconstruction of the pharaoh. The CT scanning, usually used on living humans, can now be used to study the remains of dead people, like the pharaohs of centuries past. The report on the findings were released in late December of 2021.

For more about this story, search "Egyptian pharaoh's mummy digitally unwrapped."

Focus Attention

To supplement Begin idea under Focus Attention, share about how the scientists in Egypt used CT scans to provide a 3-dimensional picture of the long-dead Amenhotep I. Invite the group to share ideas about the value of knowing information about the pharaoh's mummy. Ask: *Why might some see this news story as small while others see it as a big deal?* Complete the step as written.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Reinforce idea under Summarize and Challenge, recall the story of the 3D reconstruction of the Egyptian king. Distribute paper and pencils. Ask: *If someone could take a scan of your spiritual life, what do you think it would look like?* Direct adults to draw a picture of how they see their spiritual life right now. Lead the group to record their response to the third set of questions under Apply the Text, completing the step as written.