

# A SURPRISING VISION

## CENTRAL TRUTH

As we learn about Ezekiel's vision, we will see the ways God's special people refused to obey Him and dishonored His temple. Among the individuals in Ezekiel's vision was a man whose ancestor is found in 2 Kings, in a passage that teaches us to value God's Word and turn to the Lord. Together, we will see that **we are called to repent when we disobey the Lord.**

## KEY QUESTION

 **What is repentance? How does King Josiah model this?**

Repentance is when we acknowledge our ways are wrong, then turn away from our wrongdoing and toward the Lord. Notably, King Josiah heard God's Word and was motivated to respond with both grief *and* action. As believers, when we're confronted by the truth of God's Word, we are called to repent of our sin and turn to the Lord.

## KEEP IN MIND

- Ezekiel's vision reveals the sinfulness and corruption of Israel's leaders. As you'll see in this week's **Be Vulnerable** prompt, we may be reminded of the godly leaders that the Lord has placed in our lives. Invite students to reflect on who these individuals are and take time to thank them for their influence.
- Like King Josiah demonstrated, repentance is not simply being moved with sorrow over sin—it also involves action. As students grow in their understanding of repentance, challenge them to go to the Lord in prayer as they seek to reject sin and follow Him.

## APPLICATION








 **Why is repentance of a gift? How can we regularly practice this?**

## THE WIN

**FOR THE STUDENT:** Students win by learning that repentance is a gift and an opportunity to turn from our rebellion to follow the Lord, and that abundant joy and eternal satisfaction aren't found in idols, but in the Lord alone (see Ps. 16:11).

**FOR THE LEADER:** Challenge students to practice repentance this week and make regular practice of it as they seek to obey the Lord. Follow up with them to hear about their experiences.

### 7 ARROWS

-  What does this passage say?
-  What does this passage tell us about God?
-  What did this passage mean to its original audience?
-  How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
-  What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
-  How does this passage prompt me to pray?
-  What does this passage demand of me?