

## GCG Sunday School - 10th March 2024

### Lesson Outline



**Lesson:** A vision of departing glory.  
**Passage:** Ezekiel 1, 8 & 10  
**Big Idea:** The awesome Lord sees all sin, and judges it.  
**Main Aim:** Be amazed at the Lord Jesus who sees all sin, judges it, and is with us.

**Please pray** for the lesson preparation, that you and the children would be built up by God's word.

Unless you are at the Greenwich service, you will need to bring a **laptop/tablet** to play the videos and songs. If needed, Jonny can provide **a laptop and a Bluetooth speaker**. 😊

**Additional resources:** [GCG Sunday School Google Drive](#), [Andrew Sach on this passage!](#)

### The Passage

#### Summary.

A lot is going on here. But it's the same as 2 Kings 17:6-23, 21:1-16, in a different genre.

The awesome Lord sees all sin, and judges it.

Chapter 1 - The vision (of what it's a bit like): Creatures, Wheels, Throne.

v1-3. Ezekiel is in exile, the Lord will show him why.

v4-14. Like living creatures, which move.

v15-21. Like wheels, which see.

v26-28. Like a throne, which is above all.

It's a royal chariot, which moves everywhere, sees everything and is above all.

Chapter 8 - The Lord sees all sin (even secret sin). v5-6, v7-13, v14-15, v16-17

v18 He will judge.

Chapter 10 - So his chariot is leaving Israel. v18-19 He moves away.

*For them then.*

Do you think God doesn't see sin? Are you crazy? God sees and judges.

He was with Ezekiel in Babylon.

*For us now.*

Hebrews 4:11-13. The word of God sees everything, into our hearts. Nothing is hidden from him.

Let's strive to obey, knowing that God is near for help. Hebrews 4:14-16.

### The Age Ranges

*For CW (average age 4-5 years) and Greenwich (average age 6-7 years):*

Prepare the lesson for **all ages**. Then prepare your leaders to divide into separate **Sailor** and **Officer** groups for **Heart & Hands** teaching.


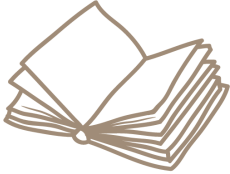



**Sailors: Ages 3-7**

**Officers: Ages 8-11**

*Eltham (Sailors average age: 4-5 years, Officers average age: 7-8 years):*

Personalise **all material** for the Sailors or Officers.

## The Rough Format.

Get Going 3 min + song	Main Teaching ~15 mins	Heart & Hands ~20 mins	Land The Lesson ~10 mins	Extra Fun Time ~10 mins
				
Welcome & Pray Quick Recap Song	The Big Idea The Main Aim	Activities Discussion	Recap Memory Verse Pray to close.	Optional: Can go mid-session.

## Outline Idea



### Get Going

Welcome, Pray, Quick Recap & Song

### Welcome the children - Connect briefly with the children.

- Ask them a fun question, showing we're interested in their lives.
- Then you could ask them a simple question which will connect loosely with the theme.
  - Sailors - [What can you see?](#)  
[What can God see?](#)
  - Officers - [Same - personalised for your Officers.](#)

Link: God sees sin and judges it.

### Prayer

- Let's listen carefully to what God has to say to us today.




### Very Speedy Recap - Scroll of time

Last week's big idea: We saw the people were taken away to exile because of sin.

Link: In today's passage, we'll see a vision of the same thing!

### Song

Talk through the words and actions before singing, if needed.

-  [Long Long Long Long Time Ago - Actions](#)



### Main Teaching

Teaching the Big Idea & Main Aim.

*Have a Bible open throughout for the children to see that we're teaching from God's word, and not from our heads. Try to get clearly and repeatedly to the Big Idea and Main Aim.*

- Lesson Points

1. The Lord is awesome: He sees sin and can move away. Chapter 1  
Describe the vision, and it's strangeness.  
It's "kind-of, sort-of, like this" - "as it were", "likeness", "the appearance"  
He sees everything.  
He can move away.
2. He sees and judges sin. Chapter 8.  
People sin in Jerusalem, they think it's in secret.  
Do you think the Lord sees?  
He clearly sees, so he'll judge.  
He'll move away.
3. So he judges, by moving away. Chapter 10:18-19  
(But was with Ezekiel) 1:1.

Repeat for Jesus. Hebrews 4:11-13.

He's awesome, he sees sin.  
He judges sin.  
He is with us.

- Brief Application - Main aim expanded.

The vision Ezekiel sees is truly amazing. The Lord is awesome.

We can remember he sees sin, he judges sin.

The Lord was with Ezekiel, he is with us now by his spirit.

- Sailors

*Explain the passage, asking questions along the way. **Keep it clear.***

*Repeat the Big Idea and the Main Aim.*

*Use the **lesson points above** with the **teaching images**.*

- Visual aid suggestion (Bluetak and the wall):

*Lay out the images as you recount the vision.*

*Ask questions like:*

*How would you feel seeing this vision?  
What animal is this?*

- *Brief application - Main Aim expanded*

- Officers

*Interactive talk through the text. **Keep it clear.***

*Repeat the Big Idea and the Main Aim.*

*Maybe act it out, or have them draw something, or shout out the best thing they see in the passage, make a puppet show using paper and card, go for a walk outside.*

- *Use the **lesson points above**.*

- *Brief application - Main Aim expanded - With questions.*



## Heart and Hands

Think more about the Main Aim with: Activities and discussion.

### Activities - Craft or worksheet

- Sailors - [Craft - Telescope.](#)

Decorate and roll the printed paper into two tubes. The tubes can go one inside the other and slide.



- Officers - [Worksheet](#)
- Extra games - In the GDrive.

If you finish craft early, you may want to play a game with the remaining time.

### Discussion - What would it look like to believe the Main Aim?

Think through with the children what the Main Aim means for our lives.

- Talk through the Main Aim further.
  - Sailors - [Go further than Brief Application.](#)
  - Officers - [Go further than Brief Application, with questions to provoke thought.](#)



## Land the lesson

Bring everything together with: Recap, Memory Verse and Prayer.

### Scroll of time update

- Remind them of the Big Idea and Main Aim.



### Memory verse

*"Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the Lord your God will gather you and bring you back."* Deuteronomy 30:4 (NIVUK)

[Ideas for learning the memory verse.](#) I will provide the verse on laminated paper with Blu Tack.

- Sailors - **Song and actions are available here. (Sent on Whatsapp for now)**
- Officers - If capable, they can come up with a rap/ spoken word for the verse. They can repeat and improve it each week.

### Pray

Encourage the children to pray with you about the Big Idea and Main Aim.

They could **thank/praise God** for it or **ask for help** in believing it.

- Sailors

You could ask for hands up/ thumbs up for those who would like to pray.

You could suggest "Popcorn prayers" - really short prayers. Or "Arrow prayers" - We all shoot up like an arrow at the end. Or you could try the idea we use with Officers.

- Officers

You could pass an object, like a Bible, around the room. When a child receives the Bible, they can choose to pray in their head or aloud.



### **Extra fun time.**

**An optional game, which can be played mid-session.**

*Game idea. Feel free to play something different!*

- Sailors - [Eye-spy?](#)  
Instead of using letters (some children can't read), they could use words to describe it?
- Officers - Use idea above or feel free to think of something fun.

Link: God sees everything!
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### **Sign out with Take Home Sheets**

- While signing out with Rollcall, Take Home sheets will be provided to carers and parents about the children's lesson.

### **Final notes**

The following items will be printed for you and brought to the lesson:

- Main teaching pictures and materials.
- Activities: Sailors craft and Officers worksheets.
- Memory verse, laminated.
- Take Home Sheets.

Additional materials will be available:

- Craft materials.
- Pens, paper, glue, scissors.