

## **“Broken Things”**

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- What** When we feel broken, unwanted, and exhausted, we fail to see the power of God to create us anew. This reader's theater shares the story of the dry bones coming to life, which showed Ezekiel, and all of us, that God sees beyond our brokenness and offers to reclaim our lost joy, making us new creations, made beautiful.
- Themes: Readers Theater, Teens, Student Ministry, Made in God's Image, Made Whole, Created by God, New Creation
- Who** Reader 1  
Reader 2  
Reader 3  
Reader 4
- When** Present
- Costumes and Props** For traditional stage, readers are spread out from stage right to stage left. Each holding a folder with the script.
- Why** Ezekiel 37:14, 2 Corinthians 5:17
- How** As in all effective Reader's Theater, scripts should be memorized as much as possible, to allow freedom of the reader to give the piece the emotional range it needs.
- For more ideas, watch our blog [“How to Perform a Reader's Theatre”](#) at SkitGuys.com.
- Time** Approximately 3 minutes

*Readers address the audience.*

**All:** Broken Things

**Reader 1:** Look around. So much seems to be

**All:** Broken.

**Reader 2:** Families.

**Reader 3:** Friendships.

**Reader 4:** Promises.

**All:** Us.

*Pause*

**Reader 1:** Scars created.

**Reader 2:** Showing us our faults.

**All:** That we're not good

**Reader 1:** Enough.

*Pause*

**Reader 2:** Because of that, we can feel

**Reader 3:** Tired.

**Reader 1:** Lifeless.

**All:** Dry

**Reader 2:** Sound familiar?

*Pause*

**Reader 3:** Ezekiel 37:14. It was written to announce God's judgement on the people of Israel and other nations.

**Reader 4:** And to eventually foretell the salvation for

**All:** God's people.

**Reader 1:** God wanted to resurrect Ezekiel by showing him

Reader 2: Dry bones.

Reader 3: God knew Ezekiel needed to see this.

Reader 4: Because God also wants you to see this

Reader 1: That despite your brokenness

Reader 2: He still wants

All: You.

Reader 3: In the passages, the Lord made

Reader 4: The dead

Reader 1: Broken bones

Reader 2: That nobody would ever think could come alive again

Reader 3: Rise up.

Reader 4: Become flesh.

All: Live again.

*Pause*

Reader 1: He not only gave the breath in their lungs, but they started

All: Dancing.

*Pause*

Reader 2: He's willing to fix your brokenness, too. Heal the scars. Help you return to

Reader 3: Joy.

Reader 4: Happiness.

All: Dance.

*Pause*

Reader 1: When you feel

Reader 2: Tired

**Reader 3:** Exhausted

**All:** Broken

**Reader 4:** God speaks into you.

**Reader 1:** You have been broken, torn apart, feeling like you

**Reader 2:** weren't enough. But.

**All:** God still wants you. He's not given up on you.

*Pause*

**Reader 3:** Think of it this way.

**Reader 4:** Japanese broken pottery.

**Reader 1:** Ever heard of it?

**Reader 2:** Once pots are broken.

**Reader 3:** They are reassembled.

**Reader 4:** Golden glue is applied.

**Reader 1:** Creating something much more beautiful than the

**Reader 2:** Original.

**Reader 3:** Beautiful because it was so broken in the beginning. Despite our sin, that's shattered us.

**All:** God heals us

**Reader 4:** Making us stronger and more beautiful.

**All:** Golden glue.

*Pause*

**Reader 1:** 2 Corinthians 5:17 reminds us

**Reader 2:** In Christ, we are new creations.

**Reader 3:** The old is gone.

**Reader 4:** The new is

Reader 1: Here.

*Pause*

All: Pottery fixed. Made beautiful.

Reader 2: He sees a purpose for your life.

Reader 3: Sees beyond your broken and dry bones.

Reader 4: And offers new

All: Life.

*Pause*

Reader 1: His grace. His invitation.

Reader 3: There's room at His table.

Reader 2: He waits for you.

Reader 4: Pull up a chair.

All: And come inside.

*Readers exit.*