

Welcome, I'm Miss Robin and this is the Different Isn't Bad podcast for kids.

In today's episode Miss Robin will share a short story from when she was a kid and we'll continue to learn about Ezekiel's dreams or visions. If you haven't heard the story of Dry Bones go back and listen to episode 69. It's spooky fun.

Even though summer has come to an end on our calendar and we are excited about the fall and all the fun holidays that follow with it, some places like where Miss Robin lives kids are still swimming.

I know, can you believe it?

Have you ever swam in a river or an ocean ? I have.

Listen in.

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I remember living by the ocean in Africa. That's right. Miss Robin grew up in West Africa right beside the Atlantic Ocean. She spent lots of time walking on the beach, building sand castles and playing in the lagoon with her friends. A lagoon is a body of water that's not very deep and is separated from the ocean by a canal or river.

She loved playing in this water but the ocean scared her because she didn't know how to swim very well.

One day, some adults she trusted brought out a big life boat, that's a huge raft like you might use in your swimming pool. The trusted adults invited her and her friends to get in. Then they floated it out into the ocean attached only by a rope that they held from the shore.

It was an adventure Miss Robin will never forget.

But she knew that because she couldn't swim well she would have to trust that if something bad happened and she fell out, those adults would swim out and save her.

She had to trust that they were better swimmers than she was.

In the end nothing bad happened and over the years Miss Robin has learned to be a better swimmer.

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In the book of Ezekiel, Ezekiel sees a vision. Remember, he was a prophet and a priest that God used to give messages to His people. In that vision a man brings Ezekiel to the entrance of the temple in Jerusalem where he sees water coming out from under it.

Then the man leads Ezekiel to the outer gate of the temple where he sees that water trickling from under it. Trickling means coming out slowly and in small amounts.

Then the man leads Ezekiel east through the trickling water until the water becomes ankle-deep. He led him further still and the water rose to Ezekiel's knees. Then as He walks further still the water comes up to his waist. This all happens in a short amount of time and the Bible doesn't say anything about other streams joining it.

As the water became deeper and deeper, Ezekiel watched as it became a river that he could not walk across on his feet. The only way across was to swim.

That must have been scary? Do you think Ezekiel knew how to swim? The Bible doesn't say.

Then the man points the river out to him.

“Do you see this?” the man said

Now, let's stop here kids. If you were Ezekiel and all this happened to you, do you not think that you saw the river and that just maybe it frightened you because you knew you couldn't cross it without help?

Well Ezekiel didn't have to cross it because the man ended up leading him back to the bank of the river where he showed him all the great things that would come from the river. Like fruit trees and fish that would give the people food so they could live.

If you want to read the whole story you or your loved one can find it in Ezekiel 47: 1-12.

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Now it's time to talk about today's story. Remember to pause the podcast after each question.

What are some things that scare you about deep water?

Talk about why they scare you.

Who can teach you how to swim better?

Why do you think they can teach you?

Is it ok if you stay in water that's not so deep for a while? Why?

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Today our verse to say and remember talks about the beauty of a river.

I'll say it first then you say it with me ok?

Psalms 46: 4a There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God.....  
Now it's your turn to say it with me. Ready? Here we go.

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God's river is flowing with good things. He wants us to learn from Him. He has given us guides who know more about it than we do. People like parents, grandparents, teachers and pastors. When we don't understand what the Bible says they can help us. Just like learning to swim we can learn more about God through others who have gone before us. They are called "A cloud of witnesses"

Miss Robin encourages you to take small steps by reading the Bible yourself. There are many Bibles made just for kids. Remember, as a baby you learned to crawl first, then to walk then to run. That's exactly how we grow in knowing more about Jesus.

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I'm so glad you joined me.

If you'd like to know more about Miss Robin, bring your adult and go to my instagram account @robinmarie59 or to my website at [www.robinmarie.org](http://www.robinmarie.org) where you'll find all the transcripts to this podcast and to my NEW podcast for your mommies, aunts or grandma called "Chasing Different".

See you next time! Bye