



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi
Unit 8, Lesson 41

Jeremiah at the Potter's House

Lesson Aim: To trust God has plans for us and determines the best way to shape them.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What do you plan to do in the future?

GAME: I Will Go!

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO IS FAITHFUL

Read Worship Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-23.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform The Love Sub script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD IS THE POTTER, WE ARE THE CLAY

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God sent Zephaniah to warn the people.

Today, we will hear how God chose Jeremiah. Point to Jeremiah (Circa 626 B.C.). **Before he was born, God planned for him to be a prophet. He promised to give him the words to say. The people of Jerusalem and all of Judah worshiped idols and disobeyed God.** Point to Jerusalem. **God told him to use a linen belt to explain His warning to those who refused to listen, then He sent him to the potter's house.**

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Jeremiah 18:1-12; 19:10-11a; 29:11-13. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Jeremiah 29:13. Pray.

THE WAY TRUSTING GOD'S PLANS FOR YOU

God has known His plans for you since before you were born. One of His plans is for you to point others to God. Jeremiah did not know what to say to people about God; he was afraid. Has it ever been hard for you to talk with others about God? How do you know what God wants you to say? Reading the Bible is one way. You can trust when the time is right, He will give you the words to say.

God showed Jeremiah He has plans for everyone. When the clay was ruined, what did the potter do? (Formed it into another pot, as it seemed best to him.) **When we ruin things with our wrong choices,**

we are like the ruined clay. How is God like the potter? When our sin ruins things, God forgives us and continues to form the plans for our life, as it seems best to Him. What did God PROMISE to do if a nation He had warned made the CHOICE to repent of its evil? (He would not bring on the disaster He had planned.)

When the people refused to seek God, He told Jeremiah to give another WARNING to the religious leaders. What did God tell Jeremiah to do? (Smash the clay jar.) **What did the jar stand for?** (Jerusalem's coming destruction.) **Years later, Jeremiah would see Jerusalem destroyed. The people were captured and taken to Babylon. Even though they deserved these consequences, Jeremiah wept for them. That's why he is called the "Weeping Prophet."**

God is like the potter, forming you into what He sees as best. What does a potter make from clay? (Jars, pots, plates, sculptures, etc.) **Pottery for everyday use is made with a special purpose in mind. How is that similar to the way God makes us? God made each of us the way we are for reasons that are important to Him.**

Distribute play-dough or clay. **Think about how God made you, about His plans for your life. What have you enjoyed about God's plan for your life so far? What has been hard?**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Have you ever wondered why God chose the plans He did for you? Paul answered that almost 600 years after Jeremiah visited the potter's house. Reveal Romans 9:20-21. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

God has made each of us for an important purpose. Even when we don't understand His plan, we can trust His promise to all who seek Him. Review Jeremiah 29:11-13. How do you see this in your life?

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Play-dough or modeling clay
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #41
- OFFERING OF ART: Jeremiah breaking the clay jar in front of the people
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Food for Every Age

GAME: Seek & Find

CRAFT: Seeking God's Pottery

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Passing the Light, Kneel & Say

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW