



The Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 6:1-2, 6, 8; 7:8b-9, 13, 18-19

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Setting: The Love Sub scripts (Lessons 35-52) will be set onboard a kaleidoscopic submarine in the late 1960's. The set is designed to look like the interior of an old submarine that also serves as a time travel device. There is a sliding board (the Time Tube) used for the entrance of visitors from the past and a ramp (or steps) to invite children up to participate in object lessons. There are two working portholes; the stage left porthole squirts water and the stage right porthole contains the Bible. Everything is painted in vibrant colors and has 1960's decor. For extra fun, build windows where characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Woodstock P. Havens is an inventor, explorer, and submarine pilot from the hippie era of the late 1960's. He is very "cool" and relaxed and he loves to study the prophets. Jeremiah is a friendly and encouraging Old Testament prophet.

Plot: Woodstock is visited by a Time Traveler, his old friend the prophet Jeremiah. He invites a volunteer to make something useful out of playdough. We learn God has a plan for each of us, and if we seek Him, we will find Him.

Costumes: Woodstock wears a tie-dyed shirt, wig, furry vest, glasses, and brightly colored pants and shoes. Jeremiah wears a Bible times robe, wig, and a beard.

Props: Bible, 2 cans of playdough, small table and chairs

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/outro music suggestion: 1960's Surfer music
2. Porthole music suggestion: Song about God's power such as "Power in the Blood"
3. Submarine alarm sounds, bells
4. Warning siren
5. Choice bell
6. Promise fanfare
7. Voiceover: Time Travel Alert

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring animated submarine is available at ResourceWell.org.
2. Stage right porthole holds the Bible. When it opens, a light shines out and music plays.
3. Warning Lights: Red beacons
4. Warning Slide: ***But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you." Jeremiah 1:7***
5. Choice Lights: Blinking stoplight
6. Choice Slide: ***You will seek Me and you will find Me when you seek Me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13***
7. Promise Lights: Flashing lights
8. Promise Slide: ***"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you." Jeremiah 29:11-12***
9. Fallback Slide: **No matter where you are in time, God is good all the time!**

Adaptations:

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form located at ResourceWell.org

The Love Sub
Unit 8, Lesson 41
Jeremiah the Prophet
Jeremiah 6:1-2, 6, 8; 7:8b-9, 13, 18-19

Video Intro: (available at ResourceWell.org)
(VFX: Scientific images, SFX: Newsreel music) **Since the dawn of man, scientists have longed to travel through time! In the late 1960's a crack team of geniuses combined their talents to attempt to break the time barrier. In the Florida Keys, Dr. Woodstock P. Havens was given the task of building a special space shuttle— (SFX: Record scratch) **Woodstock: Yeah, but I decided to make a submarine instead, man! (SFX: Intro music, VFX: Animated sub) So, come on and join me as we float through time. Climb aboard the Love Sub!****

Woodstock (slides down pole)
Whoa! Dudes, I'm back! It's so good to be back onboard "The Love Sub!" I've been traveling through time and meeting prophets of God. There are alot of cool prophets out there, but I think my new best friend is Jeremiah. Have you dudes heard of Jeremiah? He is one groovy dude!

Voiceover
Time Travel Alert! Time Travel Alert! We have a Time Travel visitor in 3-2-1! (SFX: Submarine alarm sounds, bells)

Jeremiah
Whoa! That is one righteous ride!

Woodstock
Jerry!

Jeremiah
Woody! Give me a hug! (They hug and do an elaborate secret handshake.)

Woodstock
Kids, this is the guy I was telling you about. Jerry! I mean, Jeremiah. He's a prophet. I missed you, dude!

Jeremiah
I missed you, too. Here, I brought you something.

Woodstock
You got me a present? Far out, man!
(opens playdough container) **It's playdough! Kids, Jeremiah is really into pottery. Tell them how you got started.**

Jeremiah
I'll do better than that; I'll show them. Have you got a Bible?

Woodstock
Have we got a Bible? Where should I look, kids? (Children respond.) You got it, the porthole! (Opens stage right porthole and removes Bible, SFX: Porthole music, VFX: Beam of light shines from porthole) **Man, I missed that power! Here it is!**
God told Jeremiah, "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you My message."

Jeremiah
Yes, and when I got there, God said, "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in My hand, oh house of Israel."

Woodstock
Wow, dudes, think about that! How many of you guys feel like clay?

Jeremiah
God wasn't saying we are clay. I think He was showing us a picture of the special relationship we have with Him!

Woodstock
I've got an idea. Maybe one of you dudes can help us paint that picture! Who's good at making stuff? (Choose volunteer.) Okay, you there, come on up!

Jeremiah

This is a wonderful idea. You have a seat, youngster, and see if you can make something wise and useful out of this playdough.

Woodstock

Jerry! These guys are kids; they're not professional pottery makers.

Jeremiah

God doesn't expect perfection, but He does expect us to give Him our best. Why, I was only a young lad myself when God first called me.

Woodstock

Really!

Jeremiah

Really, and I was thinking, "What can I do? I'm only a little kid?"

But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you."

(SFX: Warning siren, VFX: Warning lights and slide) Is that the lunch bell?

Woodstock

No, dude, those are the warning lights I told you about.

Jeremiah

That's a wonderful reminder because that's God's warning; go where I send you and I will use you!

Woodstock

Raise your hand if you think God can use kids to do His work! (Children raise hands.) Who remembers a little kid from the Bible that God used? (Children respond.) That's right. David, Samuel, Josiah, and the boy with five loaves and two fish are just a few of them.

Jeremiah

When God calls you, you should always say, "Yes, Lord!" And, no matter how old or young you are, God will show you the

way and help you make the right choices!

(SFX: Choice bell, VFX: Choice lights and slide)

What did I say now?

Woodstock

You gave us the choice!

You will seek Me and you will find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.

Jeremiah

I didn't give you that choice! That's the great choice God gave to all of us! If we seek Him with all our heart, God will be there for us.

Woodstock

Dude, it sounds like God wants us to be close to Him.

Jeremiah

That's right. God said He wants you to be as close to Him as a belt is close around your waist.

Woodstock

Whoa, that's really close, man! And, when you're close with God, you trust His plan for your life! (SFX: Promise signal, VFX: Promise lights and slide)

Jeremiah

Oh, you did it that time!

Woodstock

Yeah, we gotta search for the promise! Pretend you have a periscope! There it is! Hey, this is a verse I memorized when I was a kid.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you."

Jeremiah

Do you see that? That's God's promise! God has a plan for your life and He promises to listen to you, just like He did for me from the time I was a young dude.

Woodstock

Oh, speaking of young dudes, let's see how our pottery project is coming along. (to volunteer) **What did you make?** (Child responds.) **Excellent, you made something very useful! Let's have a hand for our volunteer! Thank you. You may have a seat.** (Volunteer sits.)

Jeremiah

Did you see what he (or she) made? It was a useful item. I'm going to keep this to remind me of what God was teaching all of us through pottery. Each and every piece of pottery has a purpose and each and every one of you dudes has a purpose, too.

Woodstock

Yeah, but, Jerry, that playdough didn't just form itself into a useful object.

Jeremiah

You're right, Woody. It needed a potter. We are kind of like that playdough and God is our potter. He molds us and shapes us into what He sees is best.

Woodstock

Sometimes, I try to shape my life my own way, and it seems like I ruin everything.

Jeremiah

Yes, we've all made that mistake. But, when we do that, God doesn't just toss us aside like ruined playdough. Does He?

Woodstock

No! He molds us into something useful—whatever He sees as best.

Jeremiah

And, that is what I think God wants to say to all of you today, "I have a plan for your life and I am going to use you to do godly things, just trust Me."

Woodstock

And if we put our trust in God, He will never steer us wrong. I like that. Hey, Jeremiah, would you pray for me and ask God to shape my life the way He wants it?

Jeremiah

My friend, it would be my honor!

Woodstock

Okay, dudes, we're going to go ask God as our Potter to help me shape up!

Jeremiah

Yes, and you all can ask God to shape your lives as well! Whatever God's plans are for you, I know they'll be good ones because God always knows best.

Woodstock

Till next time, say it with me ... "No matter where you are in time, God is good all the time!" **Peace!** (SFX: Intro/outro music, VFX: Fallback slide)

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