



Used By God (Lesson 1)
Vessels of Clay
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LESSON OBJECTIVE

Topics:

Acceptance, Fairness, Serving, Worthiness

After completing this lesson, the children will know that they are special because they are made by God, and that they have a special purpose in God's kingdom.

Bulletin Board Idea: [Work of His Hands](#) [Every Perfect Gift](#)

AS KIDS ARRIVE (20 minutes)

Create small vases out of play-dough (available in most variety and craft stores). For a quick and simple dough recipe: [Click Here](#)

As the children arrive, give them a lump of dough, and tell them to make one small vase or jar any way they like. Their creation can be beautiful, ugly, thin, tall, whatever. When everyone has finished, let each child explain why they made their vase the way they did. During the memory work, you will have the kids take a toothpick and scrape Isaiah 64:8 somewhere on their creation. You may want to keep the vases in the classroom until next week so they will be dry when the kids take them home.

OPENING PRAYER AND PRAISES (5 minutes) Further info? [Click Here](#)

MEMORY WORK (10 minutes)

“Yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.” Isaiah 64: 8 NIV

Practice reading and saying this verse several times. Explain what a potter does, and how he or she forms works of art with clay. Have the kids use a toothpick to scrape the verse reference (Isaiah 64:8) onto their vases made earlier as they continue to memorize the words.

SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 minutes)

Introduction:

Have you ever heard someone say that no two people are alike? It's true. Even identical twins are not exactly alike. They can point out all sorts of differences between the two of them. People are different not only in appearance, but they have different personalities, different likes and dislikes, and each person has a unique purpose for their life. Today, our story is about Jeremiah, who learned a valuable lesson about people, and about God who created them.

Jeremiah 18: 1-10 (The Potter's House)

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did the Lord want Jeremiah to go to the potter's house? (To give him a message)
2. What was wrong with the first pot [vessel] being made by the potter? (It was marred or ruined)
3. Because the pot [vessel] was marred, what did the potter do? (Formed it into another pot)

4. Does the potter make all of his pots alike? Why not? (No, because they serve different purposes)
5. Who does the Lord compare the potter and the clay to? (Potter as God and the clay as God's people)
6. What does this story tell you about the importance of people? (Everyone is important because everyone is made by God)

CLASS EXERCISES (15 minutes)

Serving God (Object Talk/Activity) [Click Here](#)

ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (5 minutes)

I know you (Activity) [Click Here](#)

APPLICATION (4 minutes)

In Romans 9:21, Paul asks a question. "Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purpose and some for common use? The answer of course is yes, the potter does have the right. Likewise, God has the right to make some of his people to some one purpose, and others to serve another purpose. The great thing is, whatever purpose we have been given, we can rejoice in that God's the one who gave it to us. Remember the vases we made at the beginning of class? No two were exactly alike. And no two people are exactly alike. But God made us all, and anyone who belongs to God, can be used by God.

NEXT WEEK

Not until we turn to God, and repent of our evil ways can we be used to His glory. But this is only the beginning. As we grow up, God gives us some very special things to help us serve Him. Next week these special things will be right here at our church.

CLOSING PRAYER (2 minutes) Further info? [Click Here](#)