

USED BY GOD

LESSON 1: VESSELS OF CLAY

ACTIVITY

Create small vases out of play-dough (available in most variety and craft stores). For a quick and simple dough recipe

:Materials:

1/2 cup salt
1 cup flour
1 tablespoon cream of tartar
1 tablespoon oil
1 cup water
Food coloring

What You Will Do:

Combine ingredients in a saucepan. Heat gently, stirring all the time. When the dough has a good consistency, take it off the heat and allow to cool.

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

SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION

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.*)

APPLICATION (4 minutes)

In Romans 9:21, Paul asks this question, “Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes 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 serve one purpose, and others to serve another purpose. The great thing is, whatever the purpose, we can rejoice that God is the one who gave it to us. Remember the vases we made at the beginning of class? No two were exactly alike. Likewise, no two people are exactly alike. However, God made us all, and anyone who belongs to God, can be used by God.