

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 149: CLAY IN THE POTTER'S HAND
JEREMIAH 18:1-11

This is the message that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Jeremiah, go down to the potter's house. I will give you my message there." So I went down to the potter's house. I saw the potter working with clay at the wheel. He was making a pot from clay. But there was something wrong with the pot. So the potter used that clay again, and he made another pot. He used his hands to shape the pot the way he wanted it to be. Then this message from the LORD came to me: "O house of Israel, you know that I can do the same thing with you. You are like the clay in the potter's hands, and I am like the potter." This message is from the LORD. "There may come a time when I will speak about a nation or a kingdom that I will pull up by its roots. Or maybe I will say that I will pull that nation or kingdom down and destroy it. But if the people of that nation change their hearts and lives and stop doing evil things, I will change my mind and not follow my plans to bring disaster to them. There may come another time when I speak about a nation that I will build up or plant. But if I see that nation doing evil things and not obeying me, I will think again about the good I had planned to do for that nation. "So, Jeremiah, say to the people of Judah and those who live in Jerusalem, 'This is what the LORD says: I am preparing troubles for you right now. I am making plans against you. So stop doing the evil things you are doing. Each person must change and start doing good things.'

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“And the vessel that he made of clay was flawed in the hand of the potter: so he made it again into another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make *it*.” **JEREMIAH 18:4**
“O house of Israel, can’t I do with you like this potter? says the LORD. Behold, just as the clay *is* in the potter’s hand, so *are* you in my hand, O house of Israel.” **JEREMIAH 18:6**

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MEMORY VERSE:

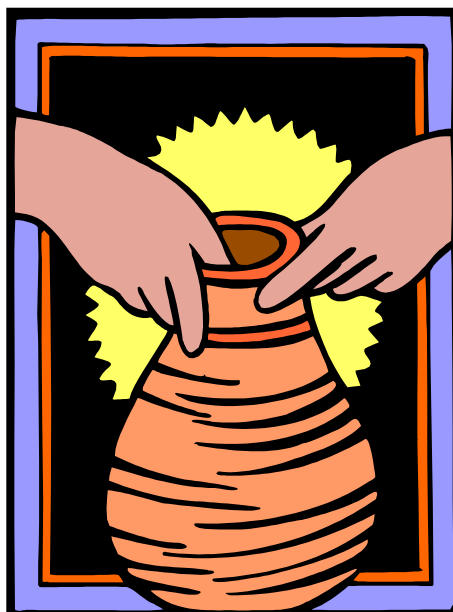
"As the clay is in the potter's hand, so you are in My hand." JEREMIAH 18:6

TRUE OR FALSE

1. The LORD told Jeremiah to go down to the fisherman's house so that He could give him a message there. TRUE or FALSE
2. When Jeremiah went to the potter's house, he saw him making something at the wheel. TRUE or FALSE
3. And the pot that he made out of clay was perfect and had nothing wrong with it. TRUE or FALSE
4. So he made it into another pot instead. TRUE or FALSE
5. The LORD said, "O house of Israel, I can do the same thing with you that this potter has done." TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. What did Jeremiah see when he went to the potter's house?
2. What happened when there was something wrong with the first pot he made?
3. Did the LORD tell the House of Israel that they were like clay in His hands?
4. Why do they use hammers and nails on their idols?
5. What would happen if God was planning on doing something bad to a nation, but they stopped sinning and changed their hearts and lives?
6. What would happen if God was planning on doing something good for a nation, but they started doing evil?



Lesson 149 Craft

“Jars of Clay”

Use copies of the template to allow the children to make their own work of art. You will need as many “Jars of Clay” templates as the number of children in your class, construction paper, scissors, glue sticks, and crayons or markers. Give children a template and have them cut out the vase pieces. Next have them glue it onto a piece of construction paper. Next allow them to color their clay jar and

draw a room or setting around their vase on the construction paper. Optional: Allow the children to use various craft items to decorate their vases.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment: Realizing that they are the clay and the Lord is the Potter, pray they will allow God to mold and shape their lives into a beautiful work of art. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.

Lesson 149 Jar Template

