

Old Testament

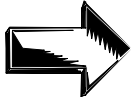
Jeremiah listens to God Jeremiah 1; 18; 29; 31

Younger Verse

Call to me and I will answer you. Jeremiah 33:3

Older Verse

Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. Jeremiah 33:3



Teachers: This unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God’s ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

Welcome Time

Ask the kids if they have thought any more about what they want to be when they grow up. Explain that God wants us to ask Him—because He knows what is best for us. Remind the kids that we can be God’s helpers now. We don’t have to wait until we “grow up” to do things for God. Explain what a missionary is and share how they can be missionaries too!

Bible Story

Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do NOT read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.

The next book in the Bible after Isaiah is Jeremiah. Jeremiah was a prophet too. Do you remember from last week what a prophet is? A prophet is a messenger who tells the people what God says. Jeremiah believed in God even when the people laughed at him and hated him. Jeremiah also told about God’s promise to us—He promised us His son.

The first chapter of Jeremiah tells us how God picked Jeremiah to be His messenger. God told Jeremiah that He knew him and formed him into a little baby in his mother. God explained to Jeremiah that He decided that he would help Him even then.

Jeremiah was scared and unsure. He told God that he was only a teenager and he couldn’t speak to lots of people. He thought it would make him nervous.

God told Jeremiah not to be afraid. God shared that He would be with him and rescue him. God reached out His hand and touched Jeremiah’s mouth. God told Jeremiah that He put His words in his mouth. God commanded Jeremiah to tell the people what He said. He told Jeremiah that He would help him and Jeremiah must trust Him and do His work.

Lesson Goals

**Believe that God loves you and has a plan for you
Trust Jesus in your heart and don’t worry what others say or do
Know that God keeps all His promises**

Jeremiah did what God said. He became God's prophet. He told the people what God said. Sometimes Jeremiah is called the crying prophet because he felt so sad for the people. He would try to tell them what God said, but they wouldn't always listen. Jeremiah would cry and tell the people how important it was to follow God and not themselves.

One day God told Jeremiah to go to a potter's house (Jer. 18). A potter is a person who makes clay pots. Clay pots were used for cooking and for holding water, oil, and grain. Potters shaped the clay into pots with their hands while the clay was spinning on a flat wheel. Jeremiah noticed how the potmaker shaped the pots. Sometimes the pot would not form right or it would be bent over. When this happened, the potmaker would form the clay into a round ball and try again.

God explained to Jeremiah that sometimes we are like those clay pots. Sometimes we get damaged or bent and God has to reshape us. God told Jeremiah that He wanted to make us into the best people that we can be. He has a plan for us, to give us a hope and a future. (Jer. 29:11) God also told Jeremiah that if we look for God we will find Him if we look for Him with all our heart (Jer. 29:13).

God also told Jeremiah to tell the people that He would send them help. God would send Jesus. Jeremiah 31:31 tells us that God promises to make a new promise or agreement with his people. God would forgive their sins. When Jesus rose, the new agreement was complete. Jesus died and forgives our sins if we call to Him and ask Him to forgive us. He comes into our lives and never leaves us. He loves us and stays with us forever. If you want to know more about Jesus, we can talk about it during our snack time.

Learning Activities

Look in the packet for Hands-on activities to help the kids learn interactively!

Memory Verse Activities

Form a piece of paper into a megaphone and staple or tape together. Write the verse on the megaphone and SHOUT IT OUT!

Prayer Time

Take time to pray for this school year. Ask God to protect each child. Remind them of the importance of coming to church!

Snack Time/CleanUp

Enjoy the company of children. If interruptions come--try to do what Jesus would do.☺

Planning for Lesson 87
Jeremiah writes poetry
Lamentations 3:22-24 & 40-41

Preschool Lesson For Jeremiah

One day, God talked to a teenager named Jeremiah. He told Jeremiah that He wanted him to be a messenger and tell the people special messages from God.

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Jeremiah loved God and wanted the people to love God too. Do you love God? He loves you and cares for you very much!

Hands-On Activities
For
Jeremiah

Make play dough into clay pots to remember how God shapes us.

Bring long, blown-up balloons to form into animals. Explain that God shapes us like he shaped Jeremiah. Fold the balloons into animals and enjoy!

Bring a colorful quilt. Share how lots of small pieces are sewn together to form a beautiful quilt. Explain how God takes all the pieces of our lives and makes them into a beautiful thing!

Let the kids decorate terra cotta pots with paint or permanent markers. Use fun circles, spirals, stars, hearts etc.
