

Lesson 7: Reform

Today's Bible Story

Long ago, there was a prophet named Jeremiah. God spoke to him often, giving him warnings and messages to pass on to those who needed to hear them.

One day, God told Jeremiah to go down to a potter's house. When he arrived, Jeremiah saw the man working at his wheel, making a vase out of clay. But as he worked, the potter was not happy with how the clay was taking shape. So, the potter squished the clay back into a lump and started making another vessel out of it, as seemed good to him.

As Jeremiah watched this happening, God spoke to him. "This is my message," God said, "O people of Israel, can't I do with you as this potter has done? Just like the clay is in the potter's hand, you are like clay in my hands."

But God also made a promise, "If, at any time, I am not pleased with a nation or kingdom, I can destroy them. I can also reshape and reform them. If they follow my ways, I will build them up."

Jeremiah listened carefully to God's words. Then, God gave him a warning to tell the people of Judah: "Thus says the Lord. Because you have turned your back on me, I am thinking about squishing you back into a lump of clay. Turn around now! Leave evil behind you and change your ways!"

God wanted Jeremiah to let his people know that they were just like the clay of the potter; they belonged to him. But God was not going to let them turn out badly. Instead, God promised that he would reform his people's lives, and make them into his own people of faith. Using his Word, God was working to shape his people in the right way.



From Jeremiah 18:1-11, 18-20

Bible Rhyme

God said to Jeremiah, "Go,
I have something I will show.
At the potter's you will see
what my people mean to me."

So Jeremiah went that day
and saw the potter shaping clay.
When the pot did not please him,
the potter shaped the pot again.

Jeremiah heard God say,
"My people are like potter's clay.
Their whole lives are in my hands,
and only I can make them stand!"

“Behold, like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.” (Jer. 18:6)

The Master Potter wants to remake a cracked and broken pot. Study the design of the original pot in the box to the right.

Then, use the grid below as a guide to reproduce a larger pot with the same proportions and design as the original. But make sure the new pot does not have any cracks! Then finish the drawing by coloring the new completed vessel.

