

Jeremiah: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: I want God to transform me.

SuperVerse: “O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand.” Jeremiah 18:6 (NLT)

Bible Story: Jeremiah 1—52

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

In our lesson today, Jeremiah learns an important lesson as he observes a potter working with clay. No matter what we do, God will never stop loving us and forming us into what He designed us to be!

- Superbook takes Chris, Joy, and Gizmo to meet the prophet Jeremiah, who faces humiliation and even death for speaking God’s message to the people. Even so, he obeys the Lord.
- In today’s Bible Background video, we’ll learn more about the time when Jeremiah lived.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Safe In His Hands! (15 minutes)

Objective: Give yourself to God to mold and shape you.

- Israel sent Jeremiah to call the people to repent of their sin and return to God. If they willingly put themselves in God’s hands, He would mercifully remove their sins and re-shape them. That is what our game is about—placing ourselves in God’s hands to transform us.

Game Instructions:

- This disc represents you. The goal is to place your disc in God’s hand, which is represented by the basket. To do this, you will quickly walk from the starting line to the first line and toss your disc toward the basket. If it goes in, you score five points, and the next player on the team takes a turn. If the disc misses, you will retrieve it and toss from the next line; if it goes in, you score two points. If it misses, you will retrieve it and toss from the line closest to the basket. You will toss from that line until you make it and score one point.

Teaching: Hands On (15 minutes)

Objective: Demonstrate submitting our lives to God.

- To transform means to make a complete or dramatic change in form, appearance, or character. The people of Israel had strayed far from God. There was little difference between them and the ungodly nations surrounding Jerusalem.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- This lesson’s challenge is to memorize the second part of Jeremiah 29:11. Remember to take hold of your lifeline when you face difficult situations instead of worrying. By speaking the verse and hearing the words, your faith will grow stronger.

SuperVerse: Superbook Form (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- God doesn’t reject us and cast us aside when we disobey Him. If we return to Him, He will lovingly shape us, transform us, and use us for His glory.
- Eight children will hold SuperVerse cards. The rest of the class will say which child should be first, second, third, etc. Rearrange the eight children in that order and have them read their phrases again, creating a “wave” with their papers. Do this until the children are in the proper order.

Prayer: Potter Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- God doesn’t totally change us in an instant. It’s a daily choice to place ourselves in God’s hands so He can shape us and mold us to become all that He wants us to be.
- Let’s close our eyes and bow our heads. Let’s all hold out our hands and imagine putting our lives into God’s loving hands! Ask Him to shape your life for His purposes and His glory. Ask Him to use you to share His love and His truth with the world.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Match Game: Play a game about God’s Word and the Bible story. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Coloring Activity: Color a page about Jeremiah’s calling to be a prophet. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Active Object Lesson: Discuss being transformed versus conformed. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Bible Activity: Look up verses about being shaped by God. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials Needed:

- One laundry basket or a medium-size box
- Hand Sign
- Paper plates—two per child plus extras
- Crayons, colored pencils, or washable markers
- Masking tape or painter’s tape
- Optional: glue sticks
- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Modeling dough
 - Paper plate (with coated surface), plastic plate, or wax paper sheet
 - Small, sealable container to hold one lump of modeling dough and one “stick” figure made with modeling dough
 - Three small pebbles
 - Two or four volunteers who are good readers
 - Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- Discipleship Challenge materials:
- Life Ring Bookmark Pattern
 - Cardstock
 - String, twine—or yarn; six inches per child

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Eight sheets of cardstock (or paper)
- Marker
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App