

God wants to Use You!

Lesson on Jeremiah and God's Promises

Children sometimes develop a mindset that they are in a "waiting room" of sorts. "Young people are the future of the church," some say...but do we fail to recognize that young people are the church of today?

The story of Jeremiah reminds us that God can use anyone at any age. Kids don't need to sit around and hope for eventual faith. We want to help them recognize that God has a plan for them both eventually and right now. God can use them and knows them. Most importantly, God will guide their words and ways, so they can always find strength and security in Him.

Ask your child if they've ever experienced not being able to do something because they were too small or too young. How does that feel? Explain that sometimes we think we must wait to be old enough to do things. But God wants to use us at any age. In the Bible, God came to someone named Jeremiah, and told him that he was going to be a prophet. That means God was giving Him a special job announcing to people the words that God was saying.

Read Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6 to your child.

Explain that God is promising to be with Jeremiah. He is not going to give him a job and leave him in the dust. He will give him courage and tell him what to say. That sounds pretty neat! In our lives, we might not always hear a big booming voice from God with specific words.

We might not have it all spelled out. But when we read our Bibles, pray, and pay attention to those around us, we can get an idea of what God wants and how He might want us to serve.

Maybe it means sitting next to the new kid at lunchtime or sharing a special word or smile with a friend. Maybe it's putting some allowance in the offering plate or donation organization. The key to remember is that no matter what we are doing, if we are doing it for God, He is with us. We are working for Him, not for our own sake.

We know that God loves us, made us, and has a purpose for us. He will guide us every day in every way.

Prayer Time:

Close with prayer and thank God for giving us strength and purpose all the time and anytime. Ask for His help to know and follow His plan and to lean on Him for wisdom.

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You will need:

- Markers/crayons
- Construction paper or card stock
- Decorations (stickers, etc.)
- Scissors
- Captions/verses
- Glue or tape
- Seeds or nuts
- Pipe cleaner/string (optional for hanging)



Procedure:

1. Decorate the paper or cardstock with cut-out papers or drawings representing things like hearts, minds, and mouths.
2. Add verses, captions, and additional decoration as desired.
3. Attach the seeds or nuts to the heart to represent something small that grows.
4. If desired, attach a magnet, string, or pipe cleaner to hang the decoration.

