

Title: Jar of Clay

Passage: Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Memory Verse: “Look, as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand.” Jeremiah 18:6b

1. What are symbols? How does God use symbols in the Bible?
2. The following are symbols or images from Jeremiah 18:1-11. What do they represent?
 - a. The Potter
 - b. The vessel
3. Do you know any more symbols from other parts of scripture?

Four Things about Vessels

A. You are nothing more than a clay vessel. (Jeremiah 18: 4, II Corinthians 4:7)

4. What is a vessel? What is its purpose?
5. What is the significance of us being vessels in God’s hands?
6. In order for us to be available to serve God’s purposes, what must we do?

B. You are a vessel chosen according to God’s plan. (Acts 9:15, Romans 9:20-22)

7. What is God’s definition of success?
8. You have been chosen by God to fulfill a specific purpose. Do you know what that is?
9. What does the moving wheel (that is used to shape the clay) symbolize?

C. The Holy Spirit will shape and mold you if you let Him. (Isaiah 44:1-4)

10. What is the role of the Holy Spirit as symbolized by the water a potter uses to soften the clay?
11. How can you be more yielded to the Holy Spirit?

D. You have a choice to become a vessel of honor or a vessel of dishonor. (2 Timothy 2:20)

12. What are some things you need to do to become a vessel of honor?

Homework: Identify an image or symbol from your life, and then determine what lesson God wants to teach you using that image.