



Grades 4–5 • Unit 11 • Lesson 105

God Warns Judah

Jeremiah 1:4–9, 18:3–6, 18:11–12, 20:1–2, 13:17, 14:17–18

God used objects like a spoiled vessel to show the people of Judah their sin, but they refused to listen to God's prophet Jeremiah. Reading left to right and top to bottom, match the pots to complete the words that describe the judgments Jeremiah warned God would send if the people didn't repent.

Name









Answers: 1) Famine; 2) Sword; 3) Enemy

Memory Verse

Do you know the verse well enough to fill in the missing words? The first letters are there to help.

But God, being rich in m_____, because of the great l_____ with which he loved us, even

when we were d_____ in our t_____, made us a_____ together with Christ—by

g_____ you have been saved. Ephesians 2:4–5

What You Heard *In the Word*

- God called Jeremiah to warn the people of Judah that judgment was coming because of their sin.
- The people refused to listen and punished Jeremiah for speaking, but he continued to obey God.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose your Christian friend says that she feels so worthless she doesn't even know why she's alive.

What could you say?

You're not worthless! God made you special in his image. God told Jeremiah the prophet that he had a special purpose for him before he was even born, and the same is true for you. You have a purpose to know God and to make him known to others here on earth. God promised to be with Jeremiah, and he won't leave you either! He is the best friend you could ever have. If you feel sad or discouraged, talk to him and read his Word, the Bible. It will help you learn more about God, who loves you, and about his plan for you.

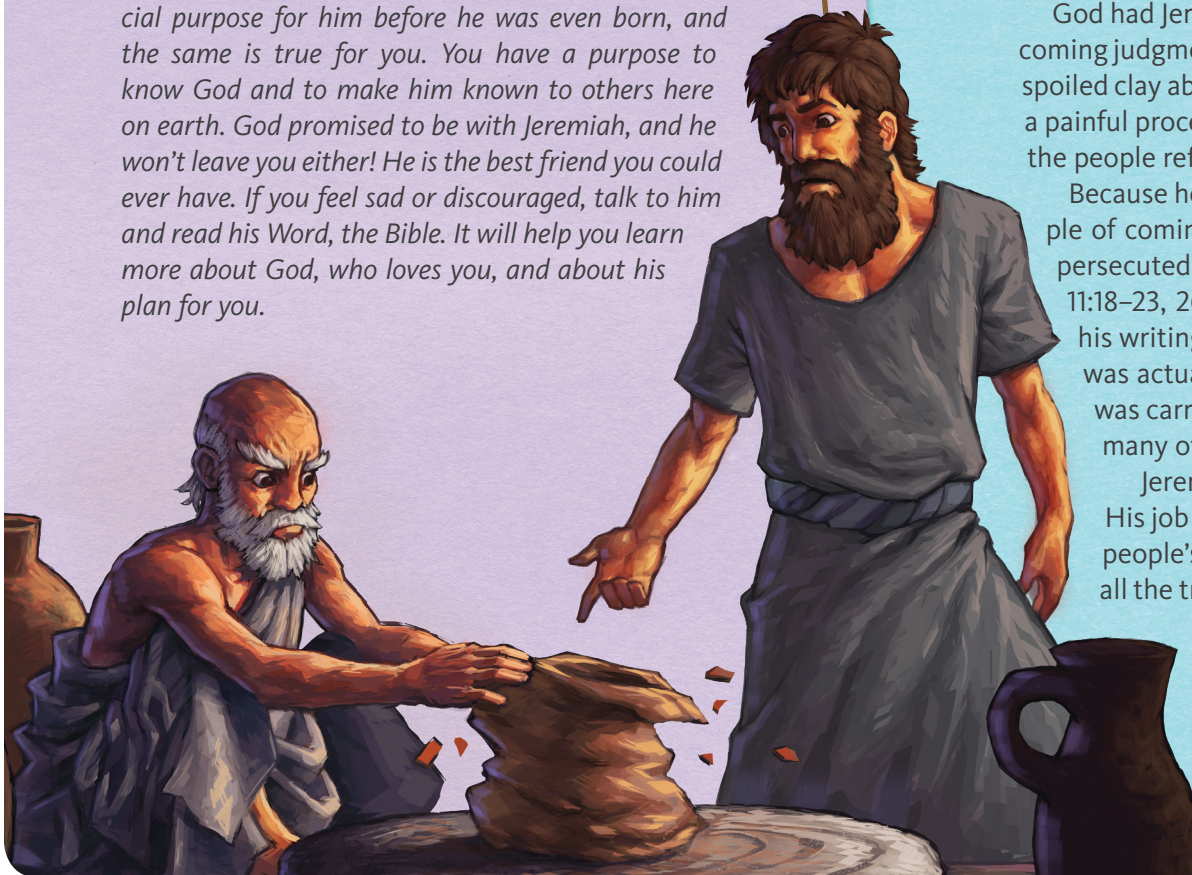
HomeWord *For Parents*

The opening passage of Jeremiah gives a clear timeframe for the ministry of Jeremiah. He was a young man, probably in his twenties, when God first called him to be a prophet to the nations (Jeremiah 1:1–8). His ministry spanned many decades and the reign of five Judean kings from Josiah to Zedekiah, indicating that Jeremiah was as old as 90 when he died. Jeremiah is often referred to as the “weeping prophet” because of the nature of his ministry, and the label fits as Jeremiah mourned the lack of response and repentance of his people and the coming judgment for their sin, which included the sword, famine, and captivity by an enemy (Jeremiah 13:17, 14:17–18).

God had Jeremiah use object lessons to help the people understand the coming judgment. The message from the potter's house was that Israel was spoiled clay about to be remade into a new vessel. The remolding would be a painful process unless they turned from their evil way (Jeremiah 18). But the people refused to listen.

Because he was constantly and harshly warning the kings and the people of coming judgment and calling them to repentance, Jeremiah was persecuted. During his ministry, Jeremiah faced death threats (Jeremiah 11:18–23, 26:8), was beaten and placed in stocks (Jeremiah 20:2), had his writings burned (Jeremiah 36:23–26), was thrown into a pit, which was actually a cistern with deep mud at the bottom (Jeremiah 38:6), was carried away as a captive in chains (Jeremiah 40:1), and suffered many other trials.

Jeremiah sacrificed a lot to obey God's calling to be a prophet. His job wasn't easy, but Jeremiah had a soft heart. He wept over the people's stubbornness and rebellion and remained faithful through all the trials. This can remind us of the way Jesus was mistreated and wept over the lack of repentance in his day.



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