

Clay Pinch Pots

Materials

- ☐ Air-dry modeling clay or play dough (about 4 oz.) for each student
- ☐ Beads, buttons, or sequins to press onto the clay as decoration
- ☐ Paper or foam plates for each student

Instructions

Give each student some clay or play dough. Have them roll the clay into a ball and place it on a paper or foam plate. Poke a finger into the middle of the ball partway down. Do not go all the way through the clay. Next begin pinching: place thumb inside the hole and use the forefinger to pinch the outside edge of the clay. Turn the dough and pinch all the way around the clay ball, making the hole larger and larger until the ball resembles a bowl/pot and bottom and edges are about $\frac{1}{2}$ – $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch thick.

Have students pat and shape the edges and sides to finish forming their dish. If necessary, students may start over by rolling the clay into a ball and pinching it again. Students may add beads, buttons, or sequins for decorations.

Have students take the finished dish home on their paper plate. Remind them to let their pot air dry for several days and not to use it for food or liquid.



Suggested Discussion

When God sent Jeremiah to the potter's house, he wanted Jeremiah to see the potter working with his clay just as you worked with yours.

- ?** Some of you might not have liked the way your object was turning out. Maybe it got messed up as you worked with it. What could you do if that happened? *Start over; roll it into a ball again and reshape it.*

God wanted Jeremiah and the people to understand that, even though he loved them, he would not let his people continue sinning without punishment. Just as the potter mashed his clay and reshaped it into something else, God would destroy Judah with a disaster if they did not turn back to him.