

The Calling of Jeremiah

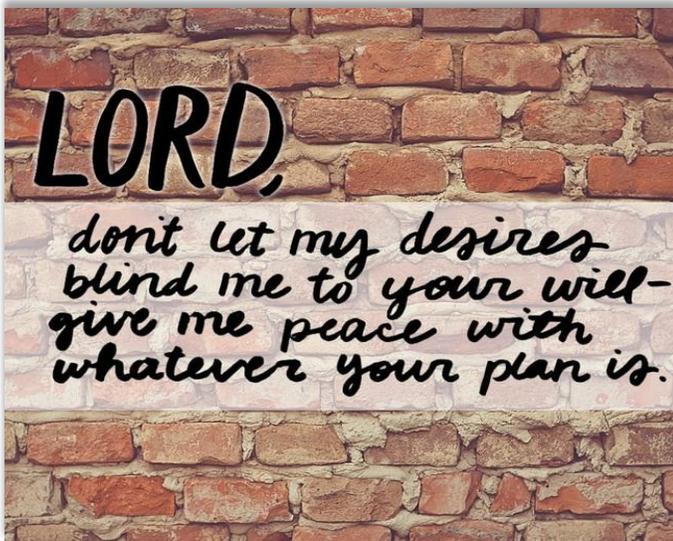
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4TH-6TH GRADE

Hi Tweens,

Opening Prayer



This week's lesson "**The Calling of Jeremiah**", we learn that Jeremiah has the distinction of being the last prophet sent by God to Judah before Judah was finally conquered and its people carried away to Babylon. God set Jeremiah apart for a specific task and purpose, and God has a plan for every child we have the pleasure to lead. Age doesn't matter; the only thing God wants is faithful obedience to His calling and plan.

- "We will be spending the next few weeks learning about God's plan for Jeremiah."

Bible Passage: Jeremiah 1

Memory Verse: Romans 14:12 ESV

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11 ESV

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Text Truth: **God chose Jeremiah to be a prophet and had a plan for his life.**

Bible Skills Spotlight: Know the Bible tells about God's plan to rescue us. Name the genres of the Bible and identify books in each genre.

ENJOY THE READ OF THIS WEEKS STORY!

Jeremiah was a prophet in Judah. There were several different kings of Judah during the time Jeremiah was a prophet. Some were good kings who followed God. Most were bad kings who led Israel to sin and worship false gods. Jeremiah was a prophet for 40 years. Jeremiah wrote about when God called him to be His prophet.

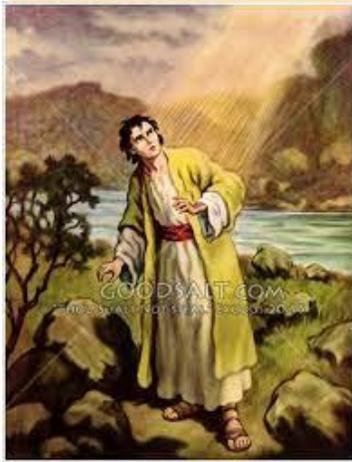
God said, "I chose you before I created you in the womb. I set you apart before you were

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born. I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations.”

Jeremiah was surprised, “Oh no, God! I don’t know how to speak. I am too young.”

But God told Jeremiah, “Do not say you are too young. You will go to everyone that I send you to and you will speak what I tell you to. Do not be afraid. I will be with you and will rescue you. I have given you the words to say.”



Later, Jeremiah had a vision. A vision is a way God communicates with people. God asked Jeremiah, “What do you see?”

Jeremiah answered, “I see a branch from an almond tree.”

In Hebrew, the word almond sounds like the word watching. The two words come from the same word family. God was using this vision to explain that He would give Jeremiah words or a message for the people.

God was watching the people. And God always keeps His promises. His word always comes true.



God asked Jeremiah again, “What do you see?”

This time Jeremiah said, “I see a boiling pot. It is tipping from the north to the south.”

God’s people would experience a disaster. Armies would come from the north and conquer the people because they had sinned

against God. God’s people had worshiped false gods, and sin has a price.

Next, God told Jeremiah to get ready. “Tell the people everything that I command you to tell them. Don’t be intimidated. I will be with you. You will be strong like a city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls,” God promised Jeremiah.

God’s people would fight against Jeremiah. They would not like the messages He had from God. But God told Jeremiah, “I am with you to rescue you. They will not defeat you.”

WE WILL NOW BE BACK IN THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOK OF JEREMIAH, CHAPTER 1

READ JEREMIAH 1:1-3

- “Let’s remember that the Bible is true, and the people and places in it are real.”

READ JEREMIAH 1:4-6

- “During the time Jeremiah was a prophet in Judah, did Judah have all good kings?” (No, some were good and some were bad.)
- “God had a plan for Jeremiah, just like He has a plan for each boy and girl here today. God said He chose Jeremiah and set him apart before he was born. God also told Jeremiah to tell the people of Judah that sin has a price.”
- “Wow! A lot is happening in the verses we just read. What you need to remember is that there are consequences when we sin and that God loves you and has a plan for your life.”

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Let's say this week's Text Truth a few times:
God chose Jeremiah to be a prophet and had a plan for his life.

If you have any prayer requests, please send them to **cameronfamily10@gmail.com**. Remember to LAUGH, have a blessed week, watch or come to church Sunday morning, come

to **Shine**, do good in school, and remember **GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE.**

The Tween Teachers



Here is an excellent summary of Jeremiah produced by the Bible Project:

<https://youtu.be/RSK36cHbrk0>

