

Three easy steps for an at-home experience!



BIG IDEA: GOD CAN DO BIG THINGS THROUGH ME

When God called Jeremiah to the prophetic ministry, Jeremiah tried to get out of it because he felt he was too young. But God told him that he was not being called because of his age or his ability, but because God had chosen him. Even though you are young, you can have an influence in people's lives. Today, we'll see how important it is to allow God to reach people through you.



STEP ONE: READ THE BIBLE STORY

Jeremiah 1:4-10 and 29:11-13 in the NIV Bible.
Our story is not found in the Read With Me Bible.

STEP TWO:

WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO

Available at youtube.com/eastviewkids
All-Stars - Week 1



STEP THREE: CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

FOR YOUNGER KIDS: Matching Game

Materials: Paper cut into 3-inch squares, pencil

It doesn't matter if you are big or little—God can do big things through us when we follow his plans for us! Work with your family to think of some big-small opposites. For example, a skyscraper is big, a house is small. A dog is big, a puppy is small.

Try to come up with at least ten pairs. Write each word on one of the pieces of paper and set them aside.

Jeremiah thought he was too young to be used by God. Sometimes we might think we are too small to be used by God. But God can use anyone, big or small, to do big things in his Kingdom.

Now use the papers to play a matching game! Take turns turning over cards to find a pair of opposites.

FOR OLDER KIDS: It's What's on the Inside That Counts

Materials: Four eggs--one must be hard-boiled

God wasn't concerned about Jeremiah's outsides. He was concerned with his insides--his heart. God knew Jeremiah had a heart for Him. In the same way, God is not concerned with our outsides. He cares about our hearts. Are we committed to Him in our hearts?

Show your family the 4 eggs. Explain that one is hard-boiled and the rest are raw. Ask if they can tell the difference. Let each family member handle the eggs carefully. They can make their guesses as to which one is the hard-boiled egg.

How can we tell them apart? They are all the same color. They are all the same size. They are all the same weight. So on the outside, they are exactly the same.



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Listen to what God says in this Bible verse: 1 Samuel 16:7b "The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outside of a person. But the Lord looks at what is in the heart."

We may not be able to tell which of these eggs is hard-boiled by how they look, but we can tell by how they act! Let's spin the eggs and see how they behave.

One by one, spin the eggs on their sides. The raw eggs will spin for a few rotations and then stop. The hard-boiled egg will spin longer. Once you have identified the hard-boiled egg, use that egg and one raw egg to show side-by-side how they spin differently.

You see, it is the hard egg yolk and egg whites inside that made one egg spin longer than the other. The more solid the inside, the longer it spins. It is what is on the inside that matters. And with us, like Jeremiah, that is what matters to God.



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