

Biblical Drama based on Jeremiah 18:1-11, 18-20
Character Parts: Narrators 1-4, God, Jeremiah, Potter

Narrator 1: Like Elijah before him, Jeremiah was another of God's faithful prophets. He preached to the people of Israel, warning them to turn away from evil. But for most of his life, Jeremiah's message was ignored.

God: Jeremiah! Get up! I have something I want you to do today.

Jeremiah: Yes, Lord! What do you want me to do? Go preach a sermon in the town square?

God: No. I'd like you to go to the potter's house today. When you get there, I will show you something.

Jeremiah: The potter's house? Yes, Lord. I've seen his cottage down in the valley. It won't take long for me to get there!

Narrator 2: So after throwing a few things into his knapsack, Jeremiah set off to visit the old potter.

Potter: (*singing as he works with his clay*) Oh, what a beautiful morning! Oh, what a beautiful day! I've got a wonderful feeling everything's going my way!

Jeremiah: (*knocking at the door*) Excuse me, sir, but are you open for business?

Potter: A customer! My first one today! Come in, come in — I'm over here, working at my wheel.

Jeremiah: What kind of wheel is that? It's not the kind of wheel that belongs on a cart.

Potter: Oh, no. This is the wheel I use to make pottery. See? I put a piece of clay in the center, and spin the wheel with my foot. As the wheel turns, I shape the clay with my hands to make whatever I want out of it.

Jeremiah: That looks fun!

Potter: It is fun. I like making things, like this vase here. (*The potter takes a look at the vase he is*

making.) But, you know, this one isn't turning out like I want

(*The potter takes the vase he was making and squeezes it back into a lump of clay.*)

Jeremiah: What are you doing? You're ruining what you made!

Potter: No I'm not. I'm fixing it. This happens all the time. If the clay starts to sag or fall, or starts to take shape in a way that I don't like, all I have to do is shape it again.

Narrator 3: So Jeremiah stepped back and watched the potter spin the clay and reshape it into a round, smooth bowl. That's when God spoke again to Jeremiah.

God: Do you see what the potter has done? That is what I will do with my people Israel! You are all like clay in my hand.

Jeremiah: What do you mean, Lord?

God: Tell this message to my people: "I am the Potter and you are the clay. I am your Maker, and you belong to me." But I am not happy about how my people are shaping up. They need to be reformed.

Jeremiah: Just like the potter re-formed the ruined vase into a beautiful bowl!

God: Yes, the people are my own creation. If they make me unhappy and do not turn out the way that I want, tell them I will work to change them. That's how I do it. I will form them and shape them, and build them up, just as I choose.

Narrative: Jeremiah realized that all human beings are the creation of the Lord. But we are much more valuable to God than clay and pots. God loves us so much that he is constantly at work on us, making us into the people that he wants us to be!