

# Sunday School Lesson

## Sunday, August 23, 2020

### Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost



*“Listen, I am giving you the words you must speak.”*

While labeled Sunday School, please feel free to use these ideas in a way that blesses your family. You do not have to do all the activities nor do you need to do them on Sunday morning. You can use whatever translation of the Bible or Children’s Bible you have in your home.

**Read:** Jeremiah 1: 4-9

#### **Activities and Background:**

Living in the latter part of the seventh century and the first part of the sixth century B.C., Jeremiah warned of a catastrophe that was to fall on God’s people because of their idolatry. Jeremiah lived to see the fall of the Temple and Jerusalem to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylonia.

1. Read the scripture story.
2. Discuss some of the things parents do before a child is born: choose a name, wonder what the child will do, chose to love and create a space in the home for the child.  
I wonder how God chose Jeremiah to do this job even before he was born.  
I wonder what God has chosen each of us to do before we are born.
3. If there are multiple readers in the group, read the passage again with one person taking the role of Jeremiah, one of God, and one of the narrator. If children want to have a turn being each character, then repeat the dramatization a few more times.
4. Talk about how we learn to speak. Share with children things they said before they could speak clearly. Emphasize that they now speak clearly because they listened to others talk.
5. Discuss why God said, “Listen” and not just “I will give you words to speak”.  
I wonder if there was something Jeremiah needed to learn/hear first.  
I wonder how we listen to God and what we need to hear.
6. Read the scripture one more time and draw a picture to go with it.
7. End with a prayer asking God to speak and to help us hear.