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SEEKERS

An Interactive
Family Adventure
in Following Jesus

Activity Sheet



CLAY

KEY PASSAGES

Jeremiah 18:1-6, Isaiah 64:8,
Job 10:8-9, 2 Corinthians 4:7



ACTIVITY

DEAR SEEKERS,
I HAVE ONE VERY IMPORTANT
QUESTION FOR YOU...

WHO
ARE
YOU?

DRAW ME A PICTURE OF WHO YOU ARE



DISCUSS WHAT MAKES YOU... YOU!

RIDDLE #1

MY NEXT QUESTION IS...

* HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT'S YOU?
 & HOW DOES ANYONE COME TO KNOW
 WHO THEY TRULY ARE?

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19:16

WHEN WE TRULY SEE WHO HE IS
 WE CATCH A GLIMPSE OF WHO WE ARE!

RIDDLE #2

HOW MANY RELATIONSHIP COMPARISONS
 CAN YOU MAKE BETWEEN US AND GOD?

MAYBE THESE
 WILL HELP:

PSALM

JOHN

REVELATION

GOD

ME

* FATHER

* CHILD

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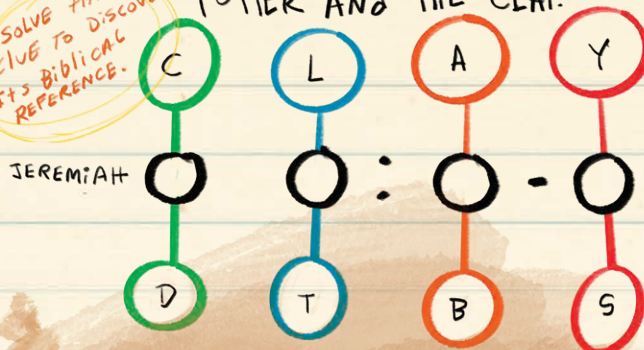
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RIDDLE #3

BUT THERE'S ANOTHER METAPHOR THAT GOD USES TO TALK ABOUT GOD AND US: THE POTTER AND THE CLAY.

SOLVE THIS CLUE TO DISCOVER ITS BIBLICAL REFERENCE.



IN JEREMIAH, GOD SAYS WE'RE LIKE CLAY IN HIS HANDS. ISN'T IT ODD, OUT OF ALL THE THINGS HE COULD COMPARE US TO, THAT YOU'RE CLAY?!

CLAY ISN'T STRONG OR SOLID. THINGS MADE OUT OF CLAY ARE WEAK AND FRAGILE!

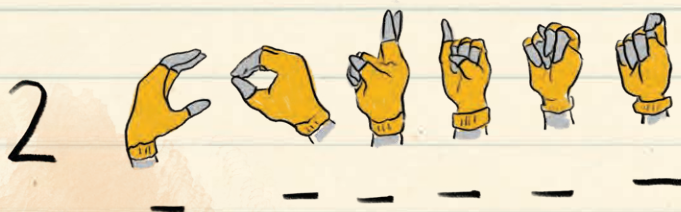
RIDDLE #4

SO WHY CLAY?!

REMEMBER THE ONES AT THE VERY BEGINNING?

RIDDLE #5

HERE'S WHY:



IS THIS TO MAKE SENSE?



4:7



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THEME

In the Bible, God describes us as clay in the hands of a master potter. Without the potter's work, we're just a lump of mud. But when he molds us, we become

something new. In 2 Corinthians 4:7, we're described as jars of clay, holding a treasure. What is this treasure? The Good News about Jesus, which we get to display to the whole world!

INSIGHTS¹

Depending on the age of your children, metaphors can be difficult to understand. Explain to them that a metaphor is a picture that helps us understand a deeper truth. Metaphors describe one thing that seems very different from another in order to point out the similarities between them.

ACTIVITY

If there are multiple children, provide paper so everyone can draw a response to "Who are you?"

RIDDLES

1. To solve the riddle, unscramble the words and fill in the blanks. Looking at God helps us understand who we really are: We are made in his image, and how God acts and loves is how we are to act and love.
2. To solve the riddle, look at the clumps of clay on this page and the next to find the three references. Find the correct reference combination, which will

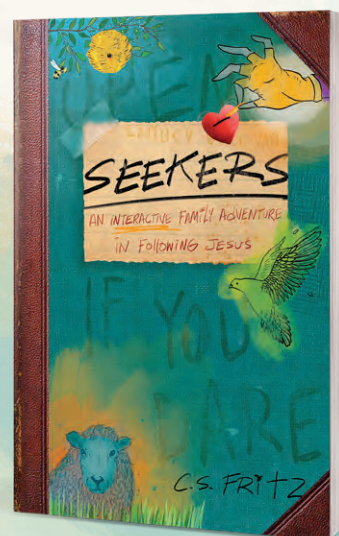
¹ Italicized portions indicate points of discussion after solving the riddle.

describe God and/or who we are in relationship to God. God cares for us as a shepherd cares for his sheep; we are as impossible to separate from him as branches are from a vine; God is the ultimate king and lord over the whole earth.

3. Count how many letters are between each pair of letters, starting after the first letter and going through the second. (For example, there are eight letters after L and through T.) The final pair of letters is meant to throw you a bit—you simply need to count backward from Y to get to S. God calls himself the potter and says that his people are like clay in his hands.

4. Read the prompt. The verses you're looking for are at the very beginning of this case. God forms us and makes us.

5. To solve the riddle, look up the ASL alphabet online and decode the correct book of the Bible. The verse is about treasures in jars of clay,



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showing us that the potter (God) has molded the clay (us) into something he can use. Because we are weak, moldable, and fragile-like clay—God's power and craftsmanship are displayed through us! Because he has molded us with his very hands, we can display his treasure, the gospel, to the whole world.

Younger family members may enjoy counting the illustrated hands! There are thirteen total.

RIDDLE ANSWERS

1. By looking at God
2. Psalm 23 (shepherd/sheep); John 15:5 (vine/branches); Revelation 19:16 (King of kings and Lord of lords)
3. Jeremiah 18:1-6
4. Isaiah 64:8; Job 10:8-9
5. 2 Corinthians 4:7

DISCUSSION DIRECTION

Talk about a time when it felt like God was molding you and putting you through fire. What art might he have been making through that time? Not only do we display

the gospel through God's work, but we also show the world the beautiful things he creates in us through difficult times. This will look a bit different for every person. Perhaps you felt lonely, and God used that time to create compassion for others. Perhaps you were anxious, and God used that to cultivate a deeper trust in him. Not every hard season will have an obvious answer or reason—but God is shaping his "clay" even when we can't see how.

What are ways we might be resisting God's molding of our hearts?

We might resist God's work in our lives when we are stubborn, angry, or determined to do things on our own.

What purposes do you think God might be shaping you for? Every person in your family has unique gifts! Dream together about what God might be doing with someone's heart for the poor, someone's leadership skills, someone's gift of hospitality.



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