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'YES, YOU CAN'

Being too small or too young means that sometimes you think you just can't do it. I know that sometimes I've said the words, that I'm just too small and I can't do what I'm being asked to do. The only way I could do it was to ask someone for help. Have you ever done that?



There's a man, whose name is Jeremiah and one day when God asked Jeremiah to be one of God's prophets. He replied to God, 'I just can't do that!' In other words - I need your help!

God didn't take Jeremiah's answer to be the end of it, instead God lovingly and encouragingly told him "Before you were even born, I chose you to be My prophet to all the nations."

Wow, that is a very big ask! Can you imagine being chosen by God to speak God's words to all the nations of the world?

Jeremiah began to mention all the reasons why he couldn't do that – he said, he wasn't a good speaker, and he was too young. But God said to Jeremaih, 'Don't say I can't, if I tell you to go and speak to someone, then go! And when I tell you the words to speak, say them all without leaving out any words.' Then God's hand reached out and touched Jeremiah's mouth and said to him, "I am giving you the words to say, and I am sending you with authority to speak to the nations for me."

God called Jeremiah to do a huge task even before he was born! But God wasn't going to leave Jeremiah to do it all by himself – God gave him the words to speak – God helped him.

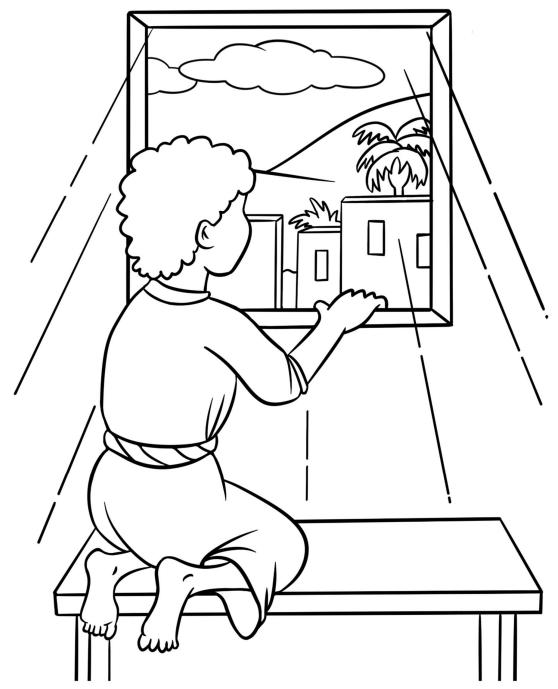
In the same way that God had some very big plans for Jeremiah, God also has some plans for you too. God knows your name because just like Jeremiah, God also knew you before you were born.

One day God will ask you to do something important as God did to Jeremiah. You might like to say, 'No, I can't do that, I'm too young or too small.' When that happens remember the story of Jeremiah, and remember that God will give you what you need so you can do what God wants you to do. Then you can say, 'Yes I can.'

PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, there may be some things that I say I can't do on my own. When that happens Jesus, I pray that You give me what I need for the task to be done. Help me to trust in Your words of hope and love.

Amen

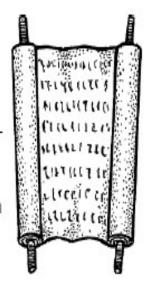


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The Call of Jeremiah

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV)

Write the words from the word bank at the bottom of the page in the blanks in ABC order.



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mouth afraid born speak rescue child	word prophet



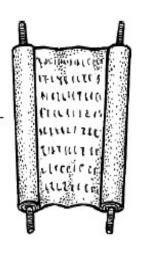


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The puzzle is based on Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NIV).



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