Teach Grow Sow

Skit for Whole Group

Jeremiah

Checklist

- ❑ clay jar (or printed picture)
- ❑ messages, printed onto beige paper
- ❑ toy crown (or printed picture attached to strip of paper)
- ❑ beige paper rolled up and tied as a scroll
- ❑ "fireplace" made out of blocks and crumpled pieces of red, orange, and yellow construction paper
- ❑ 2 chairs (1 for king's throne & 1 for timeout)
- ❑ timeout sign taped to chair
- ❑ Babylon sign taped to wall above chair
- ❑ faithfulness sign

Whole Group Skits

If you have not used this format for children's church before, here is a breakdown of how it works.

- All age-groups join together in a large area.
- The leader asks for a given number of volunteers and chooses those who will likely enjoy getting to play each role.
- Most children will never have a speaking role.
- Volunteers are given props/costumes for their roles.
- As the leader reads the script, they whisper stage directions to the volunteers, ("walk this way, shake your hands, nod your head, pretend to sleep," etc.)
- Some instructions call for all the children who are seated to do an action (clapping hands, stomping feet, etc.)
- After whole-group time, smaller age-groups break out for their lessons.

Props and Set-Up

- Most of the props listed have a printable version included.
- If using these lessons regularly, you will find many props overlap from one lesson to another.
- If storage space allows, plan long-term by investing in making and buying the "nicer" props that you will use a lot.
- Reach out to parents and other people at church. Often someone will have a random item you are looking for, to avoid having to make or buy it.

Story:	Jeremiah
Focus:	When we let God mold us the way He wants us to be, we get to live God's best plan for our lives.
	Intro:
Object:	clay jar
Intro:	Have you ever made something from clay? Do you get to decide what it would look like? Did the clay tell me how to make it? Who is in charge, the person making the jar, or the jar? Today we'll learn about how much God cares about how we turn out and how He guides us to be the way He wants.
	Group Skit (All Ages)
Volunteers:	Jeremiah, king
hold scroll	Jeremiah was one of God's special prophets. He gave God's people messsages from Him.
hand scroll to Jeremiah	God gave Jeremiah this special job when he was very young. God has special jobs for everyone, even children.
hold out jar	Jeremiah told people that they are like pieces of clay. God is the potter who molds them to be the way they are. We are supposed to thank God for making us how we are, not tell Him, "You should have given me green eyes," or, "You should have made me better at baseball."
Jeremiah shakes finger at king	God said His people were being unfair in how they did business. They were not being fair to poor people and to people from other countries. They were hurting innocent people and praying to statues. Jeremiah warned them to stop.
everyone plugs ears and shushes Jeremiah	But the people didn't want to hear this message. They ignored God and told Jeremiah to be quiet.
Jeremiah reads papers & king tears up papers, throws in fireplace	When the king read what Jeremiah wrote, he cut it up into pieces and threw it in the fire.
send king to time out chair	Because the people had been so bad. God sent them on a very long time out. It lasted 70 years! They had to move to another place called Babylon and work there.
	God gave His people this punishment so they could see how mean they had been and change. But He still loved them and wanted to blesss them again.
king comes back	God promised that when their time out was over, if they changed their hearts and turned back to Him, He would give them a future filled with hope and success, not of suffering, and to answer their prayers.
faithfulness fruit	Sometimes we want to be in charge of our lives and not let God take control. But we can have faith in Him that He knows what He is doing. When we let God be the potter and mold us the way He wants us to be, we get to live God's best plan for our lives.



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Make fair business deals.

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Stop mistreating immigrants and poor people.

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Don't hurt innocent people.

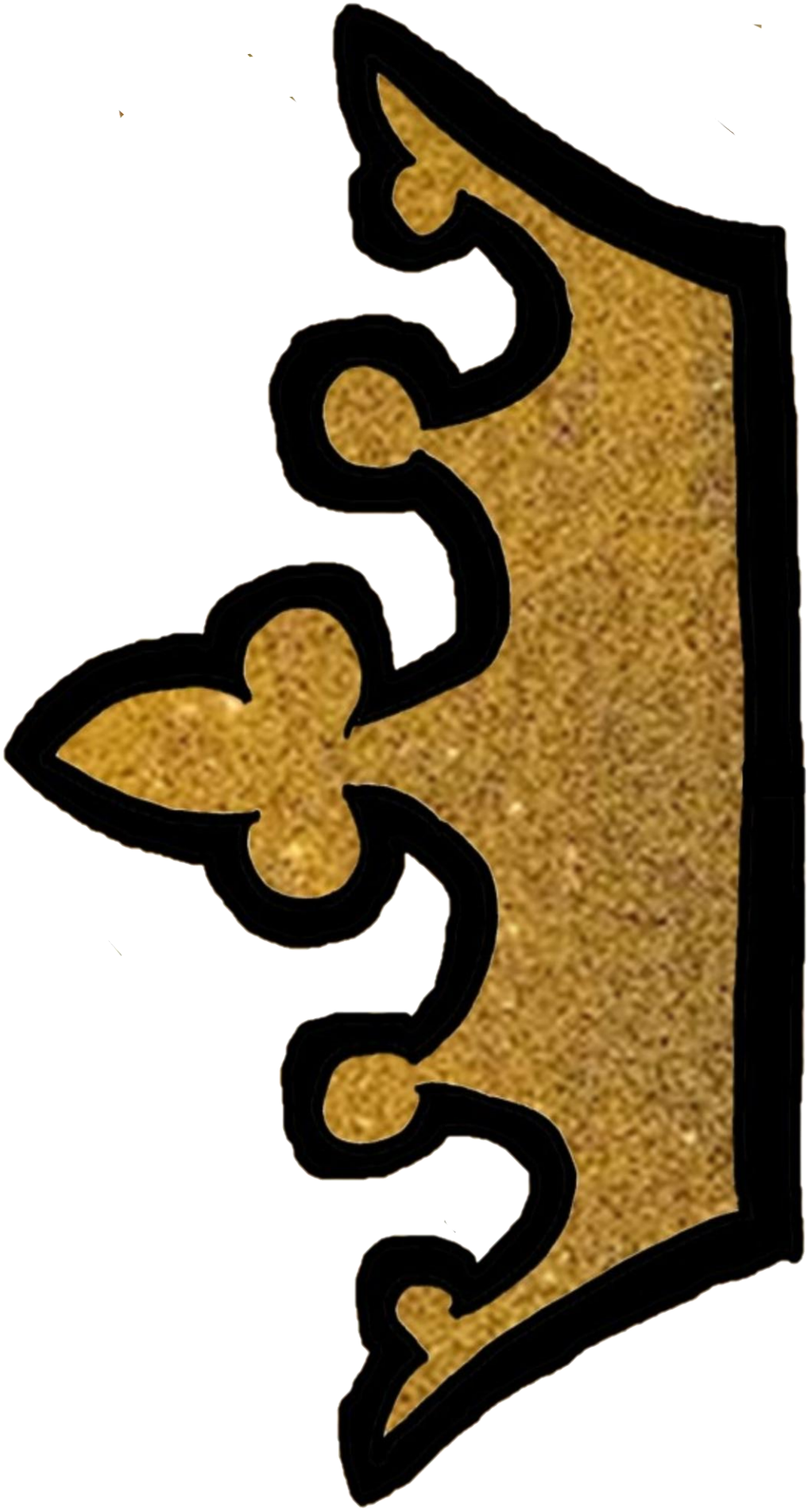
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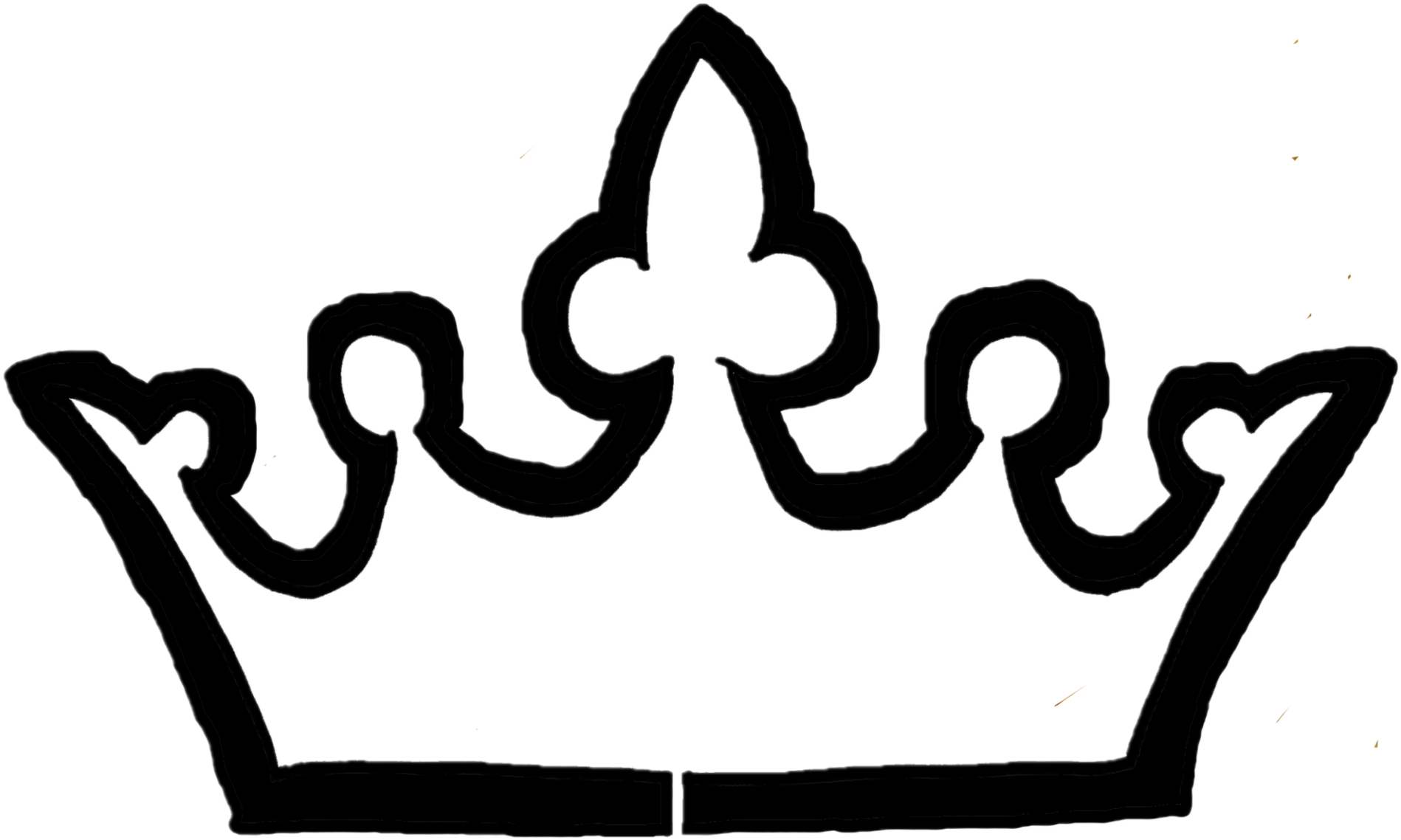
Don't pray to statues or make things more important than God.

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Time Out!

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Babylon

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Coloring Page:

Encourage children to draw their face on the prophet's body. Imagine God calling you to be a prophet at the age you are now (or just a little older). How would that feel?

Modeling Dough:

Encourage children to make a bowl or jar. Talk about how God shapes us like they shaped the dough.

Game:

Give children the torn up papers from the skit. Have them tape them back together and discuss how God wants us to treat other people and obey Him.

Song:

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

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Name: _____



God has a plan for my life.



He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

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He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole wild world in His hands
He's got the whole wild world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got the little bitty baby in His hands
He's got the little bitty baby in his hands
He's got the little bitty baby in his hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got you and me brother in His hands
He's got you and me sister in His hands
He's got you and me brother in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

He's got everybody here in His hands
He's got everybody here in His hands
He's got everybody here in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands