

Prophet Isaiah's "In the Potter's Hands" Activity

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand. Isaiah 64:8



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and You our potter;
And all we are the
work of Your hand.**

What You Need

- 3 different colors of Clay or Play-Doh (*enough for each child to have a golf-ball sized amount of each color.*)
- Toothpicks

SAY: Today, we will be potters. We will each be molding a “**person**,” to represent how God is our potter and that we are all work in His hands.

SAY: I am going to give each of you different colored balls of clay. You must follow my instructions in order to be a successful potter for this activity. I will tell you which color clay to form into a certain part of the body. Ready? Here we go. (Give each child various colors of clay.)

SAY: First, pick one color of clay and form a head. You may select any color your wish, but you must use the entire amount of the color only. (*You may want to model this by making your own person.*)

SAY: Next, take another color clay and form a body, again using the entire amount of this color, and attach to the head.

SAY: Next, take your final color clay and divide it into 4 equal part so you can form 2 arms and 2 legs. Attach the arms and legs to the body.

SAY: Finally, using a toothpick, draw a heart on the body of your person.

(When done, have students each bring their clay person to display at the front of the room.)

SAY: God has molded us each to be different, just like each of your works of pottery is different. Isaiah 64:8 teaches us that we are the clay, God is the potter, and we are the work in God's hands. God wants us to hear His words and follow His teachings so that He will mold us into the people He wants us to be. But when we sin and turn away from God, our hearts become hard, like clay that has been left out for a long time. Straying away from God can make things seem pretty hopeless, but the prophets teach us that when we turn back to God, all is not lost! God will mold us back into shape . . .we just need to listen to Him, especially when He is speaking to us through our hearts. *God is the potter and we are His clay!*