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Jeremiah 1:5-10

“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.”

“Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.”

But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD.

Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Discussion for the younger kids:

God loves using young people to do big things, but lots of times, kids don't believe they can do anything special for God. Often we think, 'I am too young.' Age doesn't matter to God. He wants us to do good things for him NOW; he doesn't want us to wait until we're older. God chose Jeremiah to tell nations about Him even though Jeremiah said he was too young. God made us so we can do great things for Him. Whether it is talking to nations about God or even telling your friends about God, you are never too young for Him to use you.

For Further Discussion:

Before God created you, he knew you intimately and made a plan for your life. His plans for you aren't simply 'Go to college, get a job, have a family, retire.' But how are we supposed to know what God wants us to do? God will tell you, and if you are faithful, it will happen. God has also provided us with several examples in the Bible; in the name of the Lord, young David saved the Israelites from a giant and later became king. Mary is estimated to have been 14 years old when an angel told her she was to give birth to the Son of God. Jeremiah is estimated to have been 15-20 when the Lord told him to be a prophet to the nations. In God's power, even young people can impact the world for Him.

If you would like to ask Nicole more about her devotional, you can send an [email](#) to her at camp.