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DEEP-DIVE LESSON

The Potter and the Clay

TODAY'S BIG IDEA	We can't fix ourselves, but God can. He is the Potter who shapes us, and he came down to save us.
BIBLE READINGS	Isaiah 64:1–9 and Mark 13:24–37
MEMORY VERSE	"We are the clay and you our potter." (Isaiah 64:8)

1 Something broken

Can a broken cup fix itself? Who can fix things that are broken?

2 Isaiah's prayer

Isaiah 64:1 Oh that you would tear the heavens, that you would come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence.

1. **What does the prophet want God to do?**

2. **Has God ever “come down” for real?**

Isaiah 64:6 For we have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteousness is like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

1. **Can we make ourselves clean and new by trying harder?**

Isaiah 64:8 But now, LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay and you our potter. We all are the work of your hand.

1. **What does a potter do with clay?**

2. **What does it mean that God is our Potter?**

3 Clay hands

Clay hands. Can clay shape itself? Make a little cup and scratch “Isa 64:8” on the bottom. Take it home!

4 Watch!

> **Mark 13:35–37** for you don’t know when the lord of the house is coming, whether at evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he might find you sleeping. What I tell you, I tell all: Watch.”

1. **Name the four times the master might come.**

2. **How does God the Potter help us stay awake?**

5 God keeps working on us

> **1 Corinthians 1:9** God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God is **faithful**. That means:

6 Live it and pray

Draw yourself as a clay pot. Inside, write one thing you want God to shape in you this Advent:



At home: Put your clay cup on the table. Each day of Advent, drop in a slip of paper with one thing you are thankful for.

> “Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay. You are our Potter. Come down and help us. Shape us to be like Jesus. Amen.”

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