



Connect

Materials: any item at home

Instructions: With your chosen item, take turns thinking of other uses you can have for it. Example: if your chosen item is a toilet paper core, other ways to use it may be the following: as a binocular, as a rolling pin, as a pen organizer on your desk, as a drawer organizer for small items, etc. You can even use it as a DIY speaker (check it out here: <https://www.rd.com/article/uses-for-cardboard-tubes/>)!

Think of as many uses as you can. The person who cannot come up with anything is out of the game. Play as many rounds using different items you have around the house.

Isn't it wonderful to think of multiple ways a certain thing can be used besides its main purpose? We can think of ingenious ways to define, deform, reform, reuse, and give new meaning to a certain thing. But only the creator of that item can define its primary purpose!

Now, what about us? Who gets to define our identity and purpose? In this lesson, let's look at who has the authority to give our identity and purpose and what does this mean for us.

Read the Word

Let's read Jeremiah 1:4-9:

4 Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

6 Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." 7 But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak."

8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord."

9 Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth."

God was speaking to Jeremiah. God knew, created, and called him for a specific purpose - to be a prophet to the nations. The reason why God has the authority to define that is because God created him. God knew him even before he was born. Isn't that exciting? Each one of us has a purpose and it is up to us to discover it.

What do you think God is calling you right now in your season as a son/daughter? How about as a brother/sister? How about as a student or a friend?



Parent to Kid/s:

2-6 years old

- What do you think is the meaning of "original"?
- What do you think is the original purpose of the item we used in our game earlier?

7-12 years old

- What are some thoughts or beliefs that have made their way into your mind that made you think twice about who you are as a person or as a child of God? Let's surrender it to God and pray that God will redeem our thoughts and remind us of our true identity and purpose.

Kid/s to Parent:

- What are some instances or situations that make it hard to live out the identity and purpose that God has planned in your life? How did you manage to stay true to the calling of God?
- How will I know what God's purpose is for me?

Are you ready to discover what God's purpose for you is? Seek Him and spend time with Him everyday. The more you read His word and know His heart, the more you will be able to find what His purpose for you is.



Thank You God that You have chosen me to be born to the family I have now. I pray that You'll always remind me of who I am and my purpose. Thank You Lord for you have called me for Your glory. May you give me grace and strength as I seek and obey You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Let us know some facts about Jeremiah

- He was chosen by God to be a prophet before he was born (Jeremiah 1:5)
- He was known as a "weeping prophet" (Jeremiah 13:17)
- He was called by God at the age of 17