# Kidmin Object Lesson: I Want Your Smile Crocodile

### **Big Idea**

You are wonderfully designed by a loving God.

### **Materials**

- Functional ceramic items such as: salt shaker, vase, large bowl, terra cotta pot with hole, plate, candle holder, etc.
- Ceramic pitcher of ice water
- Plain ceramic mug
- Book: I Want Your Smile, Crocodile
- Lump of clay (optional)
- Clay, cookie cutters, doilies, and ribbon for follow-up craft (optional)

#### **Procedure**

- Display ceramic items on a table. Hold up the pitcher and ask for a volunteer who is REALLY thirsty. Choose an expressive volunteer.
- Purposefully attempt to give the volunteer a drink with several incorrect items: the plate, pot with hole, salt shaker, etc., then give a drink from the cup.
- Read "I Want Your Smile, Crocodile."
- Discuss:

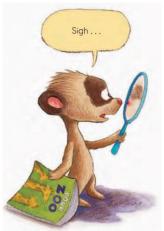
What problem did Jack have? (He wanted to be like other animals.)

What happened when Jack became like other animals?

What did Jack learn? (That God designed him the way he is for a purpose.)

How do we sometimes act like Jack?

- Ask: What do all these items have in common? Each item:
  - \* started as a lump of clay
  - \* was shaped by the potter for a purpose: to serve. Discuss some of the items' purposes and how silly it was to try to serve water in a plate or salt shaker.



## **Scripture Connect Options**

Connect the object lesson and story to scripture.

- 1. Isaiah 64:8 potter and clay
- 2. Isaiah 45:9 Does the pot argue with it's maker?
- 3. 1 Peter 4:10 use gifts to serve
- 4. Psalm 139:14 praise God for your design

### **Follow Up Clay Craft**

Clay, cornstarch or salt dough ornaments.

Cornstarch Recipe

**Dough Ornament Tutorial**