

## 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](#)