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God Known Before We Were Born
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Jeremiah 1:4-10

"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" (Jeremiah 1:5).

In the Bible, we learn how God called special people to do special tasks. Pharaoh's daughter saved Moses, and he met God at the burning bush. Isaiah saw God high and lifted up, and an angel cleansed his unclean lips. The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, and God told him that He had set him apart to be a prophet before he was born. John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit before he was born. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the virgin Mary. God called each one to do His work in His way to change history and countless lives. God has not called us to do what these people did, but let us remember two ways that we are like them. First, we know this truth about every person, "God created people in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27). Second, in the womb, God personally creates and makes every person special: "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well" (Psalms 139:13-14). We will never be famous Bible heroes, but God created each of us in His image for His purposes. Each of us can become servants of the Most High God, and every servant of God can love God and others, reflect the glory of God, and help others come to trust in and delight in God.

Thinking Further

1. Give some reasons why people can trust the Book of Jeremiah to be true.

2. Knowing the nation would not repent, give some reasons why you think God sent Jeremiah to preach in Jerusalem.

3. What are some ways Jeremiah and John the Baptist are similar and/or different?

4. What did God command Jeremiah to do?

5. What are some of the ways Jeremiah's prophecies were fulfilled?

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