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Title: Molded by God

Theme: If we give ourselves to God, He can mold us into something much more useful.

Object: Single sheets of Xerox paper from which to build a bridge, toy car, abutments for ends of bridge built from giant Legos.

Text: Rom 12 1-2 … give [God] your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to him and acceptable by him. Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God re-mold your minds from within…

This verse tells us that if we give ourselves to God, He can take us and make us into something much better than we were before.

God can take ordinary people like you and me, and He can change us so that we can do extraordinary things for Him.

God is in the business of making people better and more useful in sharing His love with others.

To help us remember how God can make us better, I want you to help me with a project that I brought in the bag today.

What I have here are two cliffs that I built out of giant Legos.

We’re going to imagine that there is a river flowing between these two cliffs, and we have to build a bridge between these two cliffs so that a car can drive over the bridge [show car].

And we’ll pretend that this car wants to get from the City of Destruction on this side to the Celestial City on the other side of the river.

And we have to build the bridge out of a single sheet of paper. [Show paper].

So what do you think will happen with this flat piece of paper? Will it support the car? Let’s try it.

Now help me out here. How can we change this piece of paper to make it stronger?

What if we folded it to make it twice as thick? Do you think that will work? Let’s try it.

What if we made it twice as thick again? (Doesn’t work.)

What if we turned it the other way? (On edge, it works!)

Hey, what if we made the bridge like a fan? Do you think that will work? (It works!)

What if we made the bridge like a tube or a tunnel? (It works!)

Just a flat piece of paper is weak. It doesn’t make a strong bridge at all.

But if we fold the paper and make it into a different shape, it’s strong.

And when it’s strong it can be used to help people get from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City.

That’s what God can do for you and me.

If we give ourselves to Him, He can fold us and mold us into the kind of people He wants us to be.

And do you know what kind of a person God wants you to be?

He wants you to be like Jesus.

If you invite God to come into your life, He will send the HS to live in your heart.

Ask God each day to make you the kind of person He wants you to be.

He will fold you and mold you into a better person each day.

Jesus can change you from being selfish and mean to being loving and kind.

Would you like God to make you more like Jesus each day?

Let’s give our hearts to Him so He can mold us and fold us and make us the kind of people He wants us to be.