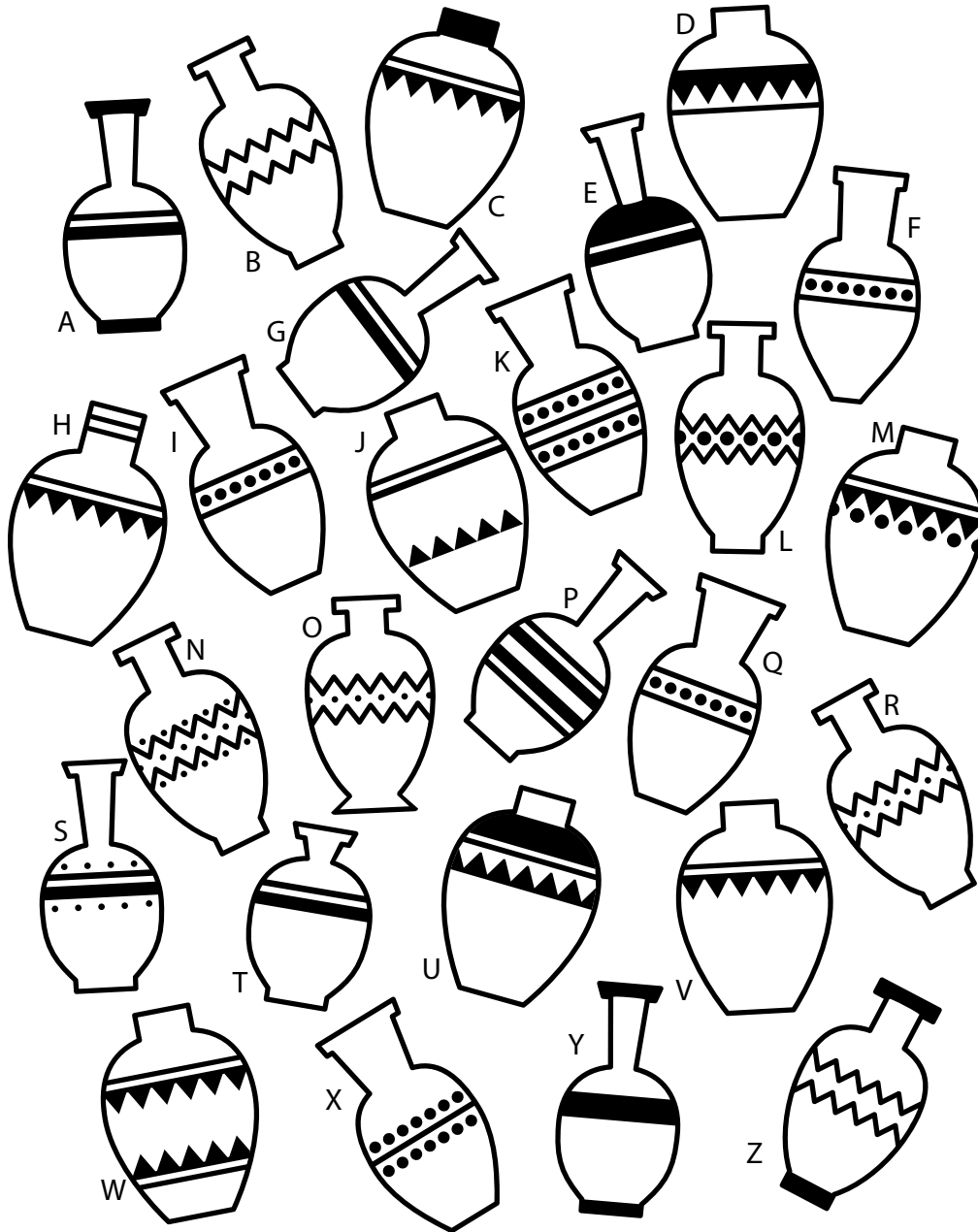


Find the two clay jars that are the same.



## A Sad People

based on Isaiah 64:1-9

God's people had been away from Jerusalem for so long that some of them couldn't remember it at all. Then the king of Babylon, where they had been taken, said they could go back home. They were so excited. They remembered the beautiful temple. But when they got to Jerusalem, it wasn't how they remembered. The beautiful temple was in ruins. The homes and businesses they had left behind were destroyed. Oh, how sad they were!

The prophet Isaiah told God of their sadness:

*God, tear open the heavens and come down!*

*If you did, mountains would tremble  
like boiling water.*

*If you would speak to your enemies,  
the nations would tremble, too.*

*From times long ago,  
no one heard or seen  
any god but you  
who acts for the good of the people who worship him.*

*You take care of people  
who do what is right,  
and they praise you for this.*

*But when we did what was wrong,  
you were angry.*

*Now we do wrong acts,  
and our wrongdoing takes us away.*

*No one prays to you.*

*No one bothers to pay any attention to you.*

*You have hidden yourself from us,  
we have only our wrong acts.*

*But, God, you are our parent.*

*We are the clay.*

*You are the potter.*

*You shape us to be what we are.*

*Don't be angry at us, God.*

*Look at us kindly.*