



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12  
Prophets & Promises Part 2: Elijah - Malachi  
Unit 7, Lesson 37

## 37 Amos and the Plumb Line

Lesson Aim: To know the Bible is the standard  
God gives us for living upright lives.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** Where do you go to spend time with God?

**GAME:** Amos' Jobs

### THE WORSHIP THE GOD OF POWER

Read Worship Scripture: Amos 4:13.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform The Love Sub script or read storybook.

### THE WORD THE PLUMB LINE VISION

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God gave Jonah and the Ninevites each a second chance.

**The people of Israel were enjoying good times. However, they had become selfish and greedy. They only pretended to worship God. They treated others unfairly, especially the poor. Amos was a shepherd and a fig farmer.** Point out Amos (Circa 760 B.C.). **Amos was from the town of Tekoa, Israel.** Point to Tekoa. **God gave Amos visions and messages telling the people to prepare to meet Him.**

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Amos 4:12b-13; 5:11-14; 7:7-8. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Amos 5:14. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY THE BIBLE IS OUR PLUMB LINE

**What is Amos' warning from God?** (Prepare to meet your God.) **To prepare to meet God is to do what is right to be ready to meet Him face-to-face. Amos warns there will be sadness if we are not ready. God wants us to live joyfully forever with Him. How can you prepare to meet God? God gave Amos a vision with the answer.**

**Amos describes the God we are getting ready to meet. What five things did Amos say in describing the Lord God Almighty?** (He forms the mountains, creates the wind, reveals His thoughts to man, turns dawn to darkness, and treads the high places of the earth.) **What are ways that God declares to us what He is thinking?** (The Bible and the Holy Spirit in our hearts.) **What do you picture when you imagine God treading the high places of the earth?**

Through Amos, God tells us He sees those who treat others unfairly and oppress the poor. Those acts are called injustices. **What injustices have you seen in your school, town, or nation? What is the choice Amos tells us to seek?** (Seek good, not evil.) **How can we seek good? What was God's promise for those who seek good?** (He will be with us.) **How is He with us today?** (Through His Holy Spirit.) **The Holy Spirit is with believers, always helping them choose to do good.**

**THE PLUMB LINE:** Three volunteers draw a vertical straight line. Have children compare the straightness of their drawn lines to the plumb line.

**God compared using a plumb line to measure a wall's uprightness to measuring the uprightness of His people. To live an upright life is to make choices that are right in God's eyes and to obey God's Word. Just as our hand drawn lines may look perfect, our lives may look perfectly upright to others. The plumb line showed our drawn lines were not perfectly straight. The Bible shows our lives are not perfectly upright, for we all have sinned. When we accept Jesus as our Savior, God sees His perfect Son in us and we are good in God's eyes. That means we line up with God's plumb line!**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Over 700 years after God gave Amos the vision of the plumb line, Timothy explained the Bible is still to be our plumb line for living a life pleasing to God.** Reveal 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **To say all Scripture is God-breathed means God inspired every word of the Bible. What is the most important thing the Bible has taught you about God or yourself? What does the Bible equip us (make us ready) to do?** (Every good work.) **Share one way you think the Bible has prepared you to do the good things God has for you.**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Bible Memory Verse Plumb Line Bookmark
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #37
- OFFERING OF ART: Amos' vision of the plumb line from heaven
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### GOT TIME?

**SNACK:** Amos' Figs

**GAME:** God's Plumb Line

**CRAFT:** Amos' Placemat

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Picture God's Power, Unscramble the Verse

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**