



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
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 or Thekoa, Israel. **God gave Amos visions and messages telling the people to prepare to meet Him.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Amos 4:12b-13; 5:14; 7:7-8. 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. Because the people would not return to God, Amos said, "Woe to you, Israel." Woe means sadness. Amos is warning us that there will be sadness if we are not ready to meet God. God wants us to live joyfully forever with Him—without any woes!**

Amos described five things that show us God's mighty power. Close your eyes and imagine God forming the mountains, creating the wind, showing His thoughts to us, turning morning into night, and walking along the mountaintops. Imagine Amos introducing you to God. What do you think it will be like to meet God face-to-face?

Amos explained that our choice is to seek good not evil. Evil means something that is harmful or wrong in God's eyes. What are some ways we can seek good instead of evil? What was God's promise for those who seek good, not evil? (God will be with us.) The Holy Spirit is with believers, always helping them to choose good over evil.

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

In Amos' vision, 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. Where can we read about the life God wants for us? (In the Bible.) Just as our hand drawn lines may have looked 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 done wrong in God's eyes. That's why we need Jesus! 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 that the Bible is still to be our plumb line for living a life that is pleasing to God. Reveal 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Read.

When we use the word "Scripture," what book are we talking about? (The Bible.) To say all Scripture is God-breathed means God is the one who showed all the writers what to write. How has the Bible helped you know God better?

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Bible Memory Verse Plumb Line Bookmark
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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