



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
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; 5:14; 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. Are the Israelites the only ones who must prepare to meet God? (Israel was the nation of God's people, but the message is for all of us. By believing in Jesus, we become part of God's family and are also His people.) 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!**

**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.) How does**

**God declare 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?**

**What is the choice Amos tells us to seek? (Seek good, not evil.) 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.) How is God with us today? (Through His Holy Spirit.) The Holy Spirit is with believers, always helping them to choose good instead of evil.**

**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 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. Find It First. Highlight. Read. To say all Scripture is God-breathed means God is the one who showed all the writers what to write. Why is it important to know the whole Bible comes from God? How has the Bible been useful to you or someone you know?**

**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**