



Sunday, November 8, 2020

Amos the Prophet 5:18-24



What's the Big Idea?

Prophets show up in the Old Testament of the Bible. And they had a lot to say! Prophets are God's special people who have the gift of telling the truth and pointing people toward doing the right thing.

Amos is one of God's prophets and didn't have an easy job! He had to tell God's people that God wasn't interested in their worship, offerings, or music. God cared about justice and care for the poor. Amos helped God's people see that worship and justice belong together — you can't have one without the other or our worship doesn't mean much to God.

In other words, Amos' truth was: Don't just talk the talk about loving people, God also wants us to walk the walk and show our love by helping each other.



Let *justice* roll down like **waters** and *righteousness* like an ever-flowing **stream**.

Read the Story!

Squiggles is on vacation this week. Check out this week's story in a family NRSV Bible or with a grownup's help look it up online by typing "Amos 5:18-24" into your web browser.

Live It Together

The prophets were good at making a lot of noise to get the attention of God's people. Find a leftover toilet paper or paper towel tube. Place a piece of wax paper at one end of the tube and hold it in place with a rubber band. Have some fun making noise together by blowing in the open end of your tube! While you're making your noisemakers, talk about how you hear God. Do you think the prophets had an easy job getting the attention of God's people?

Talk About It

Enjoy time of curiosity and conversation with a trusted grown up:

1. Do you know someone who is really good at telling the truth or helping you understand how to do the right thing? Share a story about that person with one another.
2. Sometimes we make mistakes and don't get things right. Share about a time when you might have said something that your heart didn't really mean.
3. Prophets like Amos had to share tough news with people. Have you ever had to share tough news with someone? How did it go?
4. How do you help others? How is helping others showing God's love?

Pray: Dear God, thank you for your prophet Amos. And thank you for the people in our lives who are good at telling the truth and encouraging us to do the right thing. Help us to see the world with your eyes so we don't miss opportunities to love and help others. Amen.

Memorize It

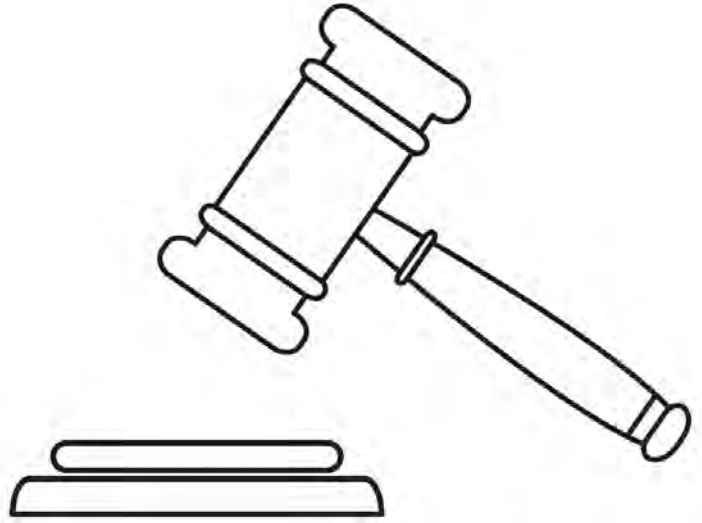
Have a grown up help you text or email a video of yourself saying this week's memory verse to Sarah and she'll add a star under your name on the Memory Verse Star Chart! When you get to 10 stars, Sarah will send you a fun prize.

Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24

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Getting on Track

The gavel is sometimes used to represent God's judgment. Prophets tell the truth about what people are doing wrong in order to tell them how they can get back on track with God. The prophets helped to bring the people back to God. Where else do you typically see a gavel?



Guiding the Way Game: Clear some space in your living room. Then take pillows, toys, and other small objects and scatter them around the space. Put on a blindfold so you can't see and have a sibling, friend, or caregiver guide you from one side of the room to the other only using their words to get you there! If you step on something along the way, go back to where you started from and begin again. Once you've successfully reached the other side of the room, switch places and take a turn at guiding. Was it easier being guided or being the one guiding others? Getting people back on track, just like the prophets did, takes some work!

Amos the Truth Teller

T R U T H F B R G T M G E
L M V O O Q B I Z H A A V
T E H P O R P G Z Y E V O
E C Z V E S E H V J R E L
C C C V X W R T G U T L C
M N I S O M A E R J S A J
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Y J J Q I L N S P B F P X
T G I I A T K S K U W J I

God doesn't want us to just talk the talk about loving people, God also wants us to walk the walk and show our love by helping each other!

Can you find words from today's message?

AMOS	PROPHET
GAVEL	RIGHTEOUSNESS
HELP	RIVER
JUDGMENT	SHARE
JUSTICE	STREAM
LOVE	TRUTH
NOISE	