

**KIDS
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LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

Key Verse:

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

Amos 5:24

The Point:

Amos reminds us to seek God, hate evil, and serve others.

Making Connections:

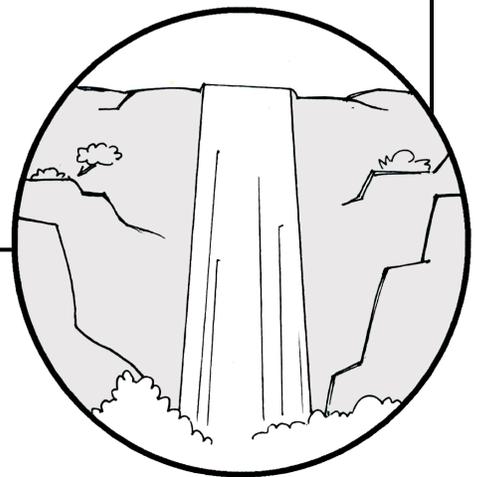
Promises of Hope

Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Prophecy

Spiritual Practice:

Prayer



BACKGROUND

Making Connections

Last week, we talked about Elijah and his encounter with God in the silence of the wilderness. That happened during the time of King Ahab in the northern kingdom (Israel). Today's story takes place about 100 years later, where we meet another prophet named Amos. Amos was a farmer and even denies at one point that he is a prophet. Yet he spoke like the prophets. He is from the southern kingdom (Judah) but he prophesies primarily in the north, where there are two main concerns: the worship of idols and oppression of those who were poor. Amos reminds the people repeatedly to trust in God alone and to treat one another with justice. Amos begins a series of stories that contain promises of hope.

Story Summary:

Let Justice Roll Down

In the northern kingdom of Israel, the rich and powerful were oppressing those who were poor. God loved the people and wanted them to change. Back in the time of Moses, God had established a covenant (mutual promises) with Israel and required them to follow God's way: to love God completely and love others. The people had abandoned true worship and justice, and Amos called for repentance. God did not honor worship by those who left to continue oppressing others. To truly worship God, the people had to act with justice and love in their daily lives.

The Point

Amos reminds us to seek God, hate evil and serve others. Through the prophet Amos, God called the people to act with justice. Amos' role was

to present God's case against Israel, the chosen people who were defying God's commandments. While Amos contains many words of judgment and wrath, it is also ripe with promise. We are left certain that God's justice will prevail in the end, which is good news indeed.

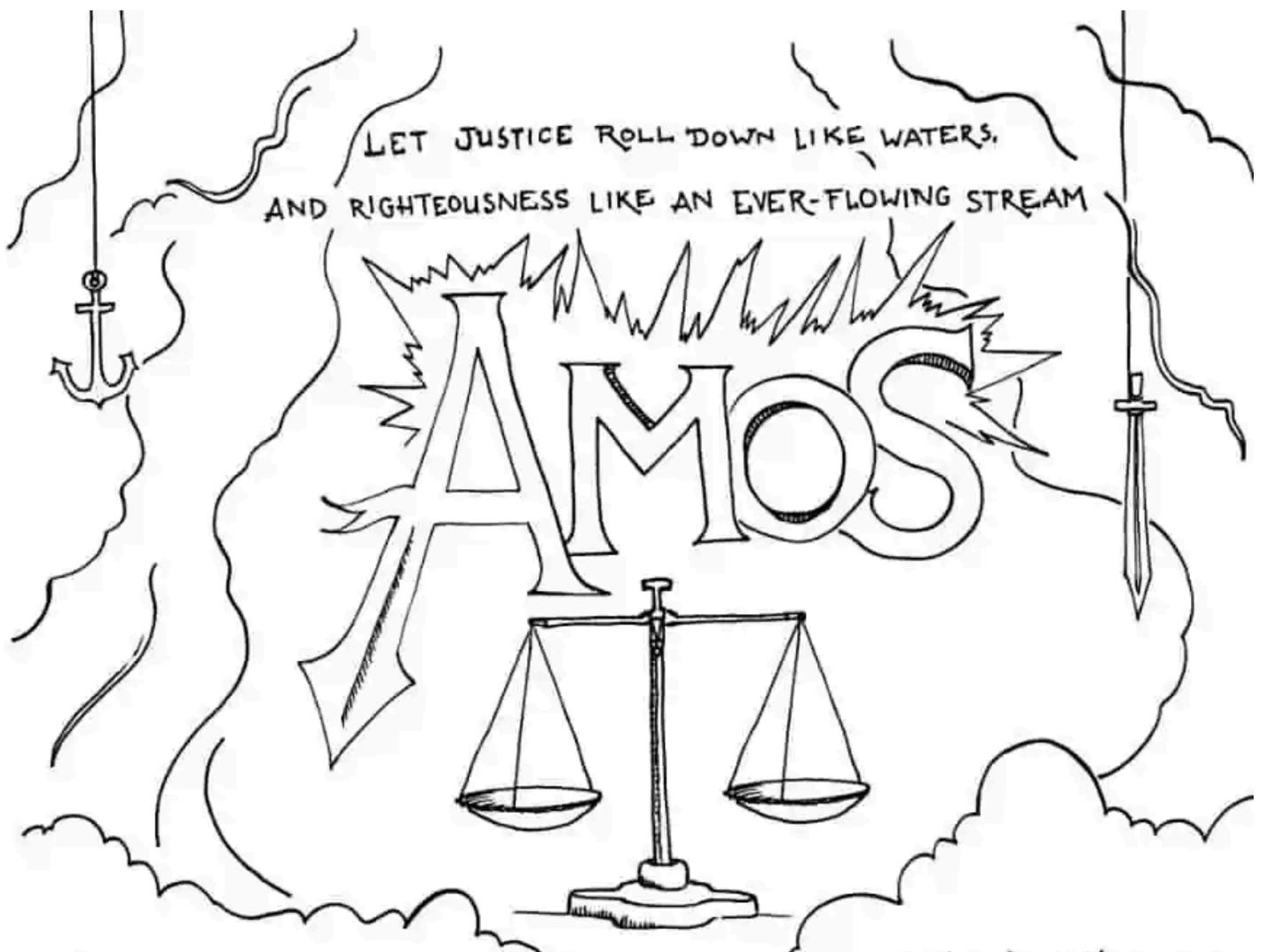
Bible Nuts & Bolts:

Prophecy

Reading biblical books of prophecy can be challenging for children and adults alike. It deviates from the stories we typically focus on in the lectionary. While biblical prophecy does make warnings and promises about the future, their main purpose was to spur the people into repentance or comfort them in their suffering at the time they were written. The truths, warnings, and promises show us God's will for God's people, in the past, present, and future. The words of Amos are very relevant to us today as we hear the admonition against oppression and immorality. Amos lets us know that God calls us away from selfishness and unfaithfulness, tying together the worship of the one true God with how we live our daily lives.

Spiritual Practice: Prayer

Prayer as a spiritual practice provides a powerful connection with God and God's word. There are many different ways to pray, and we will explore a variety of them in the coming weeks. Today students will participate in a prayer that involves movement.



Amos Wasn't Famous
Written by Carolyn Warvel

Amos wasn't famous.
He was just like me and you.

When God told him what to do,
he didn't say boo hoo.

He left his little sheep
and took a great big leap.

He went to prophesy
to all the girls and guys.

He obeyed the Lord above,
and shared Gods' words with love.

He told the people to obey
and turn from their sins today.

No, Amos wasn't famous.

Justice



Read Proverbs 21:3 and write the proverb below.

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Write about a time in your life when a situation matched this proverb.

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Draw the proverb so your friends will guess it.



What is the meaning
of Proverbs 21:3?

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Proverbs 21:3
teaches me...

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Write an ACROSTIC poem based on God's word.

J _____

U _____

S _____

T _____

I _____

C _____

E _____

BIBLE

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 E P S I I B R C A K E G Z M V Z Q E K R P
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SCRIPTURE

TESTAMENT

COVENANT

COMMANDMENTS

PROPHECY

MIRACLE

PARABLE

APOSTLE

DISCIPLE

GOSPEL

SALVATION

REDEMPTION

RIGHTEOUSNESS

HOLINESS

SANCTUARY

TABERNACLE

TEMPLE

ALTAR

SACRIFICE

WORSHIP

PRAYER

PRAISE

THANKSGIVING

MINISTRY

SERVANT

FAITHFUL

OBEDIENCE

REPENTANCE

FORGIVENESS

ETERNAL



Learn About Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual gifts are special abilities given to Christians to help do the work of the church.

Discover Spiritual Gifts

Use the code to find some examples of spiritual gifts.

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to speak God's message in sermons

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to help other people learn from the Bible

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to share money and other things to help in God's work

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to notice people's needs and try to meet them

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to see other people's abilities and encourage them to use them

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to help people work together to do God's work by assigning a job to each person

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A C E G H I L N O P R T U V Z



A List of Spiritual Gifts

Read Romans 12:6-8 and find some spiritual gifts that are listed there. Write their names here, or find them on this page and put a checkmark by them.

Identify Spiritual Gifts

Read each story and decide which spiritual gift is being used – preaching, teaching, giving, helping, encouraging, or organizing.

Beth's Sunday School class has kids of different ages. Beth helps the younger kids do the activities and learn the memory verses.

Beth has the gift of

_____.



Joe noticed that Mark can sing well. He suggested that Mark join the youth choir at church.

Joe has the gift of

_____.

Nathan saw Mrs. Jeffries drop all her papers. He stopped and helped her pick them up.

Nathan has the gift of

_____.



Megan's church is collecting toys for children who don't have any. Megan and her family bought and brought several toys.

Megan has the gift of

_____.

Parts of the Body

It is important for people with different spiritual gifts to work together in the church, just like the different parts work together in your body.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:15-16 and circle each body part that is mentioned.



hair



eye



ear



mouth



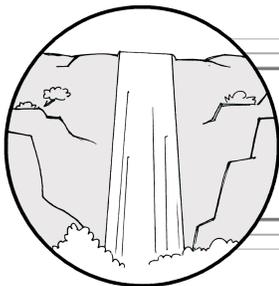
hand



foot

You, Too!

What abilities do you use to help do the work of your church?



THE STORY @ HOME

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Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story

Narrative Lectionary, Year 4 (2025-2026)

Lesson #4-10

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

LAST WEEK

The prophet Elijah finished a competition between the Lord and the prophets of Baal and ran away from the queen's wrath. God took care of him in the desert, and then visited in a still, small voice (1 Kings 19:1-18).

THIS WEEK

The prophet Amos gives the people of the northern kingdom God's message to repent from their sins and to work for justice for all (Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24).

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PRACTICE: PRAYER

Prayer as a spiritual practice provides a powerful connection with God. There are many different ways to pray. This week, try to find one time each day to share prayer concerns and pray together as a family.

NEXT WEEK

Through the prophet Isaiah, God promises a light to people in darkness and a future king, a child born for us (Isaiah 9:1-7).

Family Discussions

Use the questions below—or any you have—to discuss this lesson’s Scripture reading with your family.

- † Did you find anything in this reading that was surprising?
- † What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?
- † What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God’s message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

Let justice roll down. Share a snack with someone in your family and enjoy the feelings that come with sharing and loving one another.

Monday—Read Micah 2:1-13

Micah sends a warning and a promise. God promises to be with us in the midst of difficulty. Share a time that you noticed God being with you and helping you.

Tuesday—Read Micah 5:2-5

Micah tells of a Savior from Bethlehem. Share your favorite thing about Christmas.

Wednesday—Read Hosea 1:1; 14:1-9

Hosea gives assurance of forgiveness. Work together to create a phrase to use when someone asks for or receives forgiveness.

Thursday—Read Isaiah 6:1-13

Isaiah is called to be a prophet in a dramatic scene in the temple. Draw a picture or describe in your own words what you think this looked like.

Friday—Read 2 Kings 19:1-7

Hezekiah consults Isaiah. Who do you go to when you are seeking wisdom?

Saturday—Read 2 Kings 19:14-28

Isaiah prophesies to Hezekiah. Pray together for God to guide you in your decisions this week.