

The Prophets - Amos.

This week we find out about the prophet Amos who was an ordinary person that God used to deliver his message.

Aim

To live a life pleasing to God.

Bible Passage

Book of Amos.

Introduction

Prophets were special people, chosen by God to share his messages. Over the next few weeks we shall learn about a few different prophets in the Old Testament and the messages from God that they shared. Today we are learning about the prophet Amos.

Game Time

Simon Says - Involve the whole family in a game of 'Simon Says'. Take it in turns to be Simon and see if your family listens to the instructions!

In our story today, a special messenger tried to give people a message from God but they didn't listen or obey!

Bible Time

Amos was an ordinary man who was a shepherd and a farmer but God gave him a special message for his people. God can use anyone, you just have to listen and obey his calling! You can read all the messages that God gave Amos in the Old Testament. The book of Amos tells us about the passion and courage with which he preached. You can also go to the TMC Facebook page to listen to Deborah talk about Amos and his message.

Amos' message was very bad news to God's people, because of their wickedness they would be punished. If they were to seek the Lord and live a good life, they would be forgiven, which is very good news! Amos also said that God would not completely destroy Israel. There would always be some of God's people who loved and served Him with their whole heart and for those there would be good things to come.

Amos also preached to the people. There are three sermons that are written down in his book where he told Israel to turn back to God and stop serving idols. He told them to stop treating the poor people badly, to stop doing the things that pleased only themselves, and to return to the God. God wanted his people to live a good life and care and love others.

It's the same for people today. God has given us good rules for living. If we ignore them and insist on living our own way, we hurt ourselves and other people. We need to live a life that is pleasing to God. What can you do in your life that will please God? Write or draw a few ideas on paper, you can use these in your craft (see below).

Craft Time

Live life God's way!

You will need; card, printed template (see page 2), glue and pens.

1. Print off the template on page 2
2. Cut out arrow shapes and post.
3. On each arrow, write down ways you can live a life pleasing to God.
For example; love God, help others, share your faith, read the Bible, pray.
4. Stick your post onto card and add the arrows.

Look at the TMC Facebook page for an alternative way to make this craft using a toilet roll.

Worship Time

Love your neighbour by Chris Harding 'You're a star' CD

Love God with all your heart - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdMlxCdIY-c>

Prayer Time

Dear God, show me the way to live a life that is pleasing to you.
Help me to be good each day and know what is right and wrong.
Keep me safe and show me the way to go.
Amen.



