

## AMOS: THE MAN

**Scripture:** Amos 1:1, 7:10-17

**Materials Needed:**

**Memory Verse:**

**Objectives:** As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—Amos had a very poor job as a shepherd and fig-keeper from Tekoa Judah, yet God sent him with His message for the rich, elite leaders and people of Samaria, Israel. And even when he was told to be quiet because he was out of place, he responded in confidence based on the job God had told him to do rather than on his natural credentials.

To Realize—Although one may feel unqualified to do a particular job, if God has led them to do it and equipped them, they can do it with boldness, regardless of how others may view it.

To Respond by—by doing what God wants them to do, even if they don't feel like they are the most qualified ones.

### Setting up the Story:

Do a review of Jehu's sons, and what things were like during the time of Jeroboam II: wealthy, posh, prosperity, snobbish...) During this time, down in one of the small towns of Judah, there was a man named Amos. He was from Tekoa, Judah. (Use a very "country" accent when describing Amos: he wasn't a sophisticated city slicker—he was a "country boy.")

Scripture

#### Telling the story:

- I. Amos is from Tekoa, Judah
  - A. Shepherd
  - B. Tends fig trees
- II. Amaziah Tells Amos to Stop
  - A. Go back to Judah
  - B. Not wanted
  - C. Doesn't fit Israel
- III. Amos Continues Preaching
  - A. Not a 'professional' prophet
  - B. Called by God with a message for Israel

#### As you tell the story:

Poorest paying jobs  
God gave Amos a message.  
What would you be feeling if you were Amos? What would be the reasons why he shouldn't do it?

**Concluding the Story:**

Why would Amos go and preach in a situation that he was totally not trained for and looked like a misfit in?

1. He knew that he was nothing BUT GOD had called him.
2. He knew that he was nothing BUT GOD had told him what to do.