

Thinking about....

The start of Amos's message

Once there was a man called Amos. God gave him a job to do: he had to pass on an important message to his people. It began with what God thought of their enemies...

God's people had enemies.

These enemies did terrible things! They were cruel to other people just so they could get what they wanted. And they wanted much more than they needed. As long as they could have it all, they didn't care how much other people suffered.

What do you think God might have thought about that? _____

Amos's message to his people started with God's view on this:

"God is **furious** with your enemies. He is not going to let this cruelty carry on any longer! He is going to give them the punishment they deserve," announced Amos.

How do you think God's people might have felt?

Happy? **Worried?** **Relieved?**
or something else?



What next?

You could...

- Think about situations today where some people get more while others get less. Do you think this is fair? Talk to God about it, or write him a letter.
- Come up with examples of unfair or cruel behaviour. How do you think they should each be dealt with? What would be a suitable punishment? Make a list!
- Decorate a bookmark with pictures of things that are the opposite of cruel and unfair - positive words, kind actions, generous behaviour. Use it as a reminder of the things that are important to God.