

Thinking about....

## What Amos said next

**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. What he had to say next might surprise them...**

Amos has just been announcing God's judgement on his enemies. "Hurray!" God's people said. "They deserve to be punished because of all the terrible things they do."

But now Amos tells his people what God thinks of *them* - and they have done terrible things too.

God had given them good rules that would help them live his wonderful life - but instead they have ignored him and made up their own rules.

They haven't been fair to other people.

They haven't treated each other with respect.

As long as they got what they wanted, they didn't care how much other people suffered.

"I have looked after you, and I love you," says God. "So I'm not going to let you behave in this this terrible way."



### What next?

You could...

- Identify a place where there are rules about how to behave. What is it like when people obey all these rules? Now imagine what it would be like if everyone just ignored the rules. Draw a picture of one of these situations.
- Think of someone who looks after you. Write a list of things they do for you that you appreciate. Decorate your list to make them a Thank You picture.
- Talk with your grown-up about what it means to respect other people, and to treat them fairly. Think of some examples together.