

Thinking about....

Amos and the wonky wall

Once there was a man called Amos. His job was to pass on an important message from God to his people. Sometimes he used pictures to help people understand the message, and this one is about a wall.

Amos described a picture: God was using a plumb line to make sure a wall had been built perfectly straight and was perfectly vertical. And he was pleased with it. It was a good wall! That wall wasn't going to fall down!

But then he told God's people that they weren't like that perfectly vertical wall at all - they were more like a badly-built, wonky wall. They were about to topple and fall any minute.

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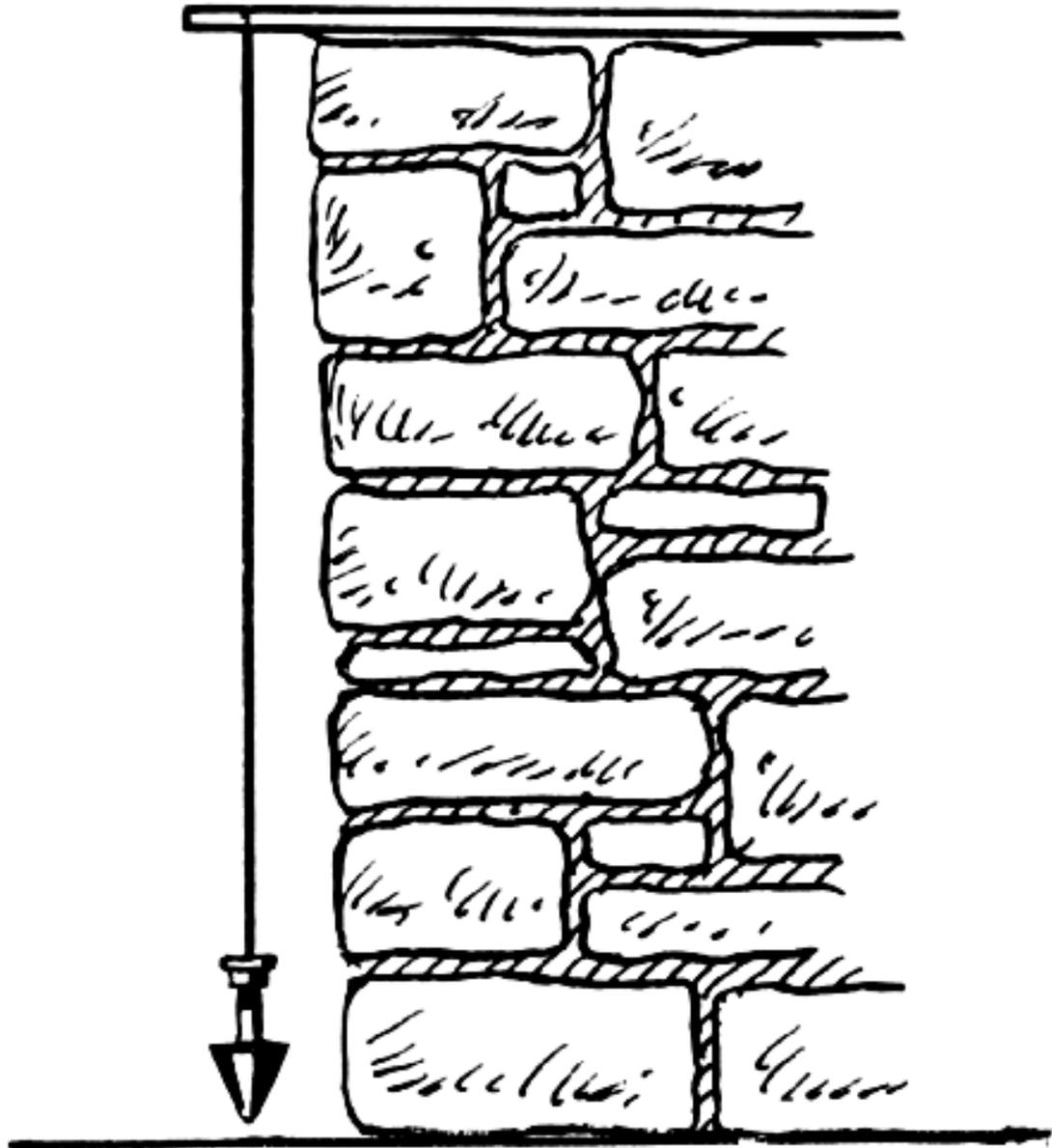


What next?

You could...

- Make your own plumb line: take some wool and tie a weight to the end of it, maybe keys or scissors. Use it to check some things around you and see if they are vertical and straight. Can you find anything that looks straight but isn't really?
- Cut out some brick shapes. Use some to make a picture of a wall that's badly-built, wonky and crooked. Use others to make a straight, well-built wall. Talk to your grown-up about what God might have meant when he said his people were like a wonky wall.
- Colour in the picture of a plumb line testing a wall.

The plumb line and the wall



Did you know?

A plumb line is a piece of string with a weight on one end. When the string is held so that the weight can dangle freely, the string shows an exact vertical, no matter what way you hold it. It is used to test if something vertical really is exactly straight.