

# Hear the Prophets

#### Amos: Obadiah

#### **Objectives:**

Learn about the prophets Amos and Obadiah and how the Lord uses his prophets to teach and warn us.

#### **Reverence** Time

Song: Follow the Prophet (verse 9), Children's Songbook page 110

https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/music/library/childrens-songbook/follow-the-prophet

**Reinforces Principles of:** 

Prophets

Scripture: Amos 3:7

"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."

Video: Watch this week's clip from the Living Scriptures Streaming Library. Find the clip at https://www.livingscriptures.com/fhe-lesson-hearprophets

#### Lesson Time

#### Lesson Summary:

Amos was a herdsman from Judah. The Lord called him to preach repentance to the House of Israel. He warned several cities of the destruction they would face if they didn't turn to the Lord. He was delivering the message that the Lord told him to share. The people didn't listen, and the prophesies of destruction came to pass. Later, Obediah warned other cities that they would face destruction if they didn't repent and turn to the Lord. They wouldn't listen either and suffered the consequences.

Like a loving parent disciplines their children, the Lord provided consequences for their behavior, hoping that they would realize their mistakes and desire to change. The Lord used His prophets to explain the law and the consequences of disobeying the law before giving the consequences. Because the Lord doesn't want to have to punish us, He always reveals His "secrets", or His plan, to His prophets so they can preach to and warn His people. If we follow the prophets we can claim the blessings and avoid negative consequences.

Quote: "We have a living prophet on the face of the earth again... The prophets speak to us in the name of the Lord and in divine plainness. It is our responsibility not only to listen but also to act upon His word that we may claim the blessings of the ordinances and covenants of the restored gospel." Dieter F. Uchtdorf

Questions:How does the Lord give us warnings?Why were the cities destroyed?How can consequences help us make good choices?Why is it important to listen to and obey the prophets?

### **Activity Time**

**Description:** Figure out these fun word puzzles to decode the "secret messages" that teach us important counsel.

## What you need:

A copy of the "Picture Words" game (artwork included with this lesson), scissors, two pieces of paper, tape, two pens or pencils, and a timer.

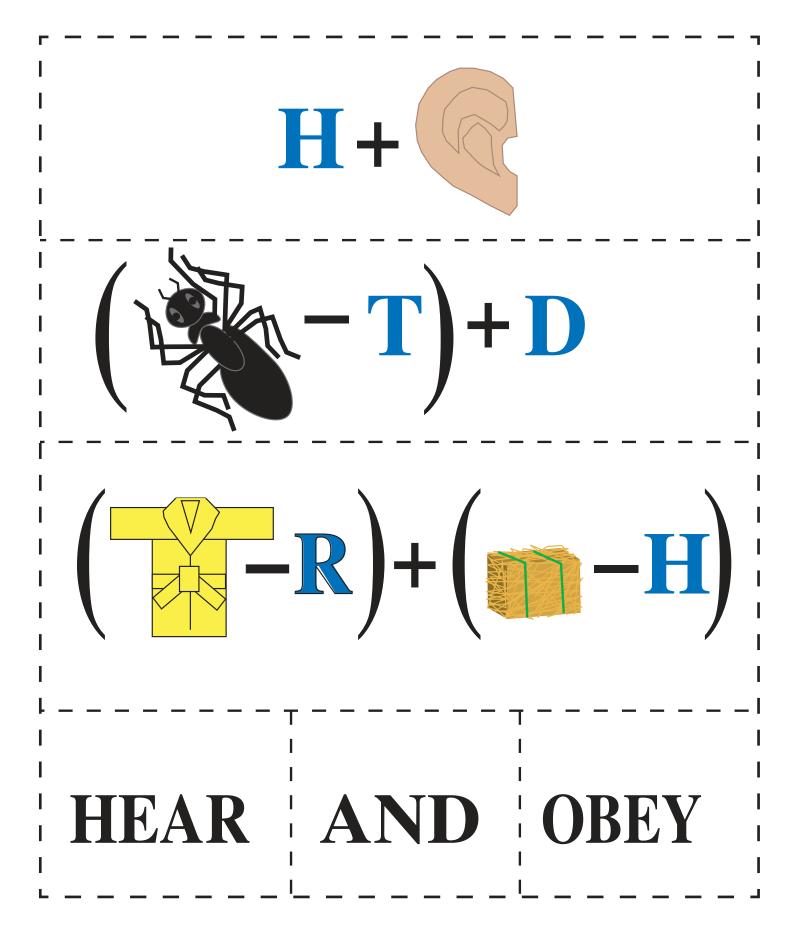
Preparation:1. Print out the artwork and text.3. Cut along all dotted lines.

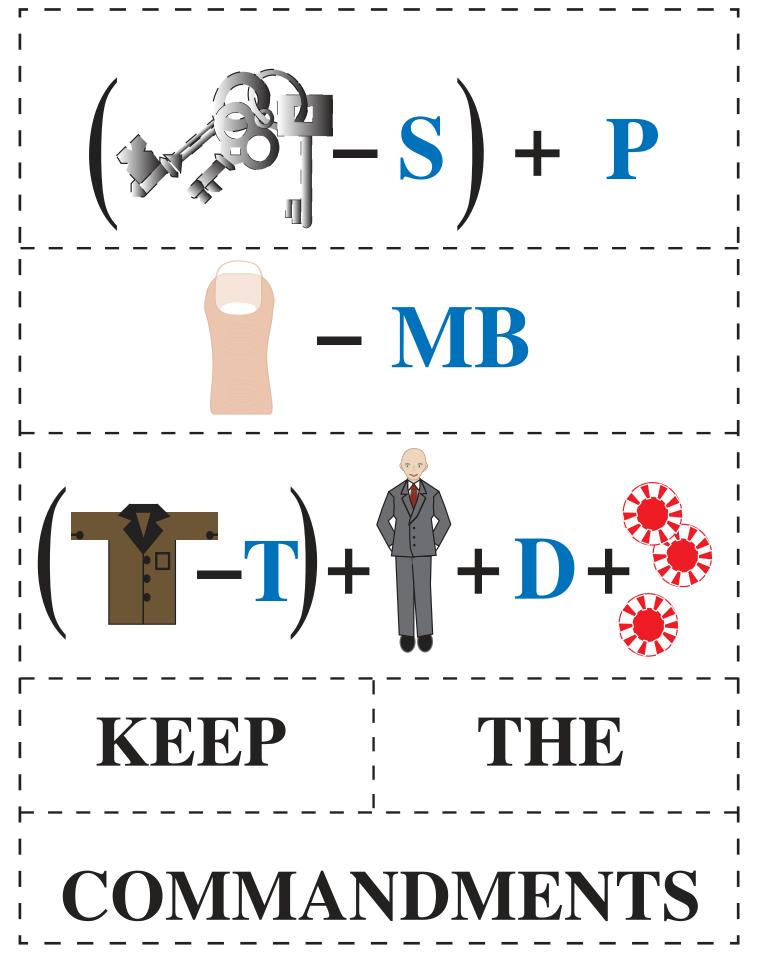
Activity: (Younger children will need help from an older sibling or parent.) Mix up the words and the pictures. Decode the picture words and then match them to the correct word.

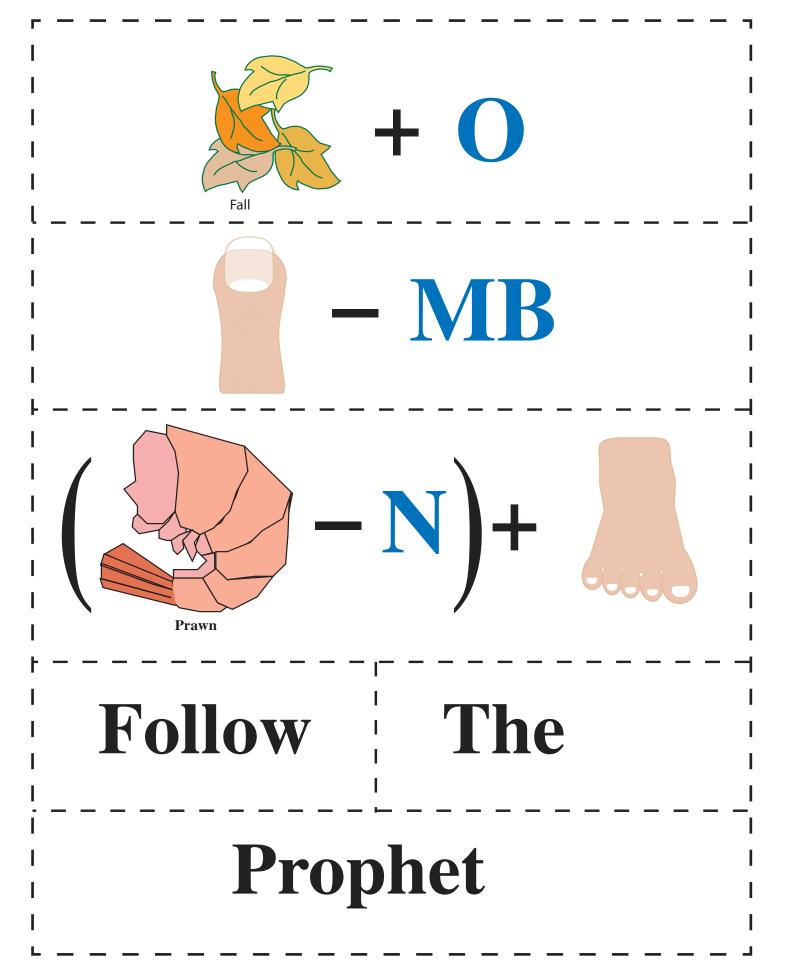
Example: - MB = The

Tape the word to the picture words as you decode them. After all the words are decoded, arrange the words to form the sentences, "Follow the Prophet," "Hear and Obey," and "Keep the Commandments."

Talk about the importance of following the counsel given in each of these sentences.







#### **Treat Time**

- Prep Time:10 minutesChill Time:10-20 minutesBake Time:8-10 minutes
- Ingredients: 1 cup butter 1 1/2 cups sugar 1 large egg 2 Tbsp. dark corn syrup or molasses 1 Tbsp. water 3 1/4 cups flour 2 tsp. baking soda 2 tsp. cinnamon 1 tsp. ground ginger 1/2 tsp. ground cloves



**Instructions:** Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the egg, corn syrup, and water, blending well. Sift the dry ingredients together and add to the butter mixture. Chill the dough for approximately 10-20 minutes.

Treat time: Give each child two 1-inch balls of dough. Roll balls of dough in sugar and then form into ear shapes (see diagram below). Bake on ungreased cookie sheet in a preheated 350 degree F. oven for 8 to 10 minutes.

