

## Minor Prophets

Joel, Amos, and Obadiah are referred to as minor prophets not because they are inferior but because their message is short. However, sometimes big things come in small packages and these minor prophets have a very big message! God can say a lot in a small package.

Joel speaks to Judah in the South. Joel takes the immediate circumstance as the lens through which he predicts the ultimate circumstance, the tribulation. This book is laid out to see the current happenings, judgement in the near future and then ultimate judgement in the distant future.

Amos speaks to the North. He denounces the nations surrounding Judah and then surprisingly denounces Judah and Israel as well.

Obadiah goes East and speaks to the nation of Edom. Edom is modern day Jordan. We know nothing about this prophet, where he's from, his parents, his friends...nothing. But we have his message of doom on Edom.

## Person, Place, Thing, or Action...20 questions

**Objectives:** Guess the person, place, thing or action by asking questions  
Gain knowledge about the people and the events of 1 Samuel  
Have fun with your family.

**Number of Players:** 2 or more

**Length:** 30 minutes or more

**Set up:** Cut each of the words/phrases on the next page into separate pieces of paper, fold them in half and put the pieces in a bowl.  
Players should sit in a circle where they can all see each other.  
Assign someone as score keeper. Divide all players into 2 teams and place all team members in a circle alternating teams. Flip a coin to determine which team will go first. Players can use their Bible in this game.



# FAMILY STUDY

## Rules:

Have the oldest person go first on the team that won the coin toss. They will pick a word or phrase from the bowl. They will not share their word with anyone. They will tell everyone whether they are a person, place, thing or action (i.e. "I am a person.")

After picking a word and telling the teams whether they are a person, place, thing or action, all of the other players can begin asking them questions including players from the opposing team. Go in order around the circle. Each person gets a turn to ask a question in an orderly fashion. During your turn you can ask a yes or no question. (i.e. are you old? or, are you David?) or you can buy a clue (clues cost one point)

If you guess correctly, you earn 5 points for your team. If you guess incorrectly, your team loses 2 points and the play continues around the circle. The questions should be questions that can be answered with a yes or no. Keep going around the circle until 20 questions have been asked or someone has guessed correctly.

Then play passes to the opposing team and their oldest player draws a piece of paper from the bowl and play continues.

Keep play going until everyone has had a turn to be the recipient of questions.



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The Day of the Lord	Joel	Amos
Obadiah	Edom	Jerusalem
Judah	God	Plague
Locusts	Tribulation	North
East	Prophet	hear
Lion	Fig Tree	Father
Children	Destruction	Zion
Pity	Zealous	People
Grain	New Wine	War
Swords	Pruning Hooks	Spears
Nations	Harvest	Winepress
Wickedness	sheep	Damascus
Gaza	Tyre	Covenant
Transgression	Ammon	Moab
lies	Law of the Lord	Song
Lamentation	Captivity	Mount Samaria
Tabernacle of David	Cast Lots	Gate



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**Discussion:** What event/judgement was happening in Joel's time that he correlated with the day of the Lord? What is the day of the Lord? Why did God judge Judah and Israel? What do you learn about obedience and consequences from these stories of God's people?

**Prayer:** Close in prayer thanking God for His provision and for all that you have learned and the fun you had with your family.