

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How do you know someone loves you?
- How did God show His love for us?
- Share about a time you felt hurt. Were you able to forgive? Why?

Hosea, Prophet to Israel

Hosea

STORY POINT: GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PEOPLE EVEN WHEN THEY DO NOT LOVE HIM.

God wanted to send a message to His people. So God gave instructions to the prophet Hosea. "Marry a woman who will not be faithful to you," God said. "Be a father to her children." God was going to use Hosea's life to show His people in Israel what God's love for them was like. Hosea's wife would love other men instead of Hosea, just like the people of Israel loved and worshiped other gods instead of the one true God.

Hosea obeyed God. He married a woman named Gomer. Gomer was not faithful to Hosea. She often ran away. In the same way, God's people turned away from Him. They worshiped false gods. God told Hosea to go after his wife. So Hosea found Gomer and paid to get her back.

Gomer had not loved her husband like a wife should, but Hosea loved her anyway. God gave Hosea a love that would never give up. God wanted the people of Israel to understand that they were like Gomer. The Israelites did not love God like they should, but God loved Israel anyway.

Just like Hosea paid a high price to get back his wife who did not love him, God had a plan to get His people back no matter the cost.

Christ Connection: God used Hosea's unfaithful wife to show the people of Israel that they were unfaithful to Him. God gave Hosea a deep love; Hosea was willing to buy back Gomer even after all she had done. God's love is deep, and it never gives up. He goes after His people and paid a great price to get us back.



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All Mixed Up

Unscramble the words of the big picture answer and write them below.

Why should we obey God?

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Hosea 4:1

Hosea 14:1-2

Wrong and Right

Look up each Scripture reference and write the messages in your own words.

