



Unit 14, Session 2

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.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

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

Hosea 4:1

Hosea 14:1-2

- What does this story teach us about God?

- How are we like the people of Israel?

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APPLY the Story

- What does it mean to be faithful? How is God faithful to us?

- What price did God pay to rescue people from sin?

- How can we love people who are difficult to love?

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APPLY the Story

- Find 2 Peter 3:9 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for His faithful love that never gives up.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 118:1-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 91:1-4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John 3:16 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Timothy 2:13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 5:43-47 | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 3:22 |