

HOSEA, PROPHET TO ISRAEL

Bible Reference: Hosea

Date: 10/12/25

Grade: PreK /Kindergarten

2nd Service

Memory Verse:

"It is the Lord your God you must follow...
Keep his commands and obey him."
Deuteronomy 13:4

Big Picture Question:

Why do Christians continue to sin?
Christians continue to sin because we
still have hearts that want to sin.

Christ Connection

- Even though we do not love God with all our hearts, He still loves us. God showed us His love by sending Jesus to be our Savior.

Schedule

- Welcome/ Intro Activity.....5 minutes
- Kids Worship @ 11:00.....15-20 minutes
- Circle Time and Bible Story.....10 minutes
- Movement Activity.....10 minutes
- Craft.....5-7 minutes
- Music.....5 minutes
- Global Partner Feature.....5-7 minutes
- Prayer and Bible Verse.....10 minutes
- Snack/ Discussion Time.....5-7 minutes
- Additional Activities.....As Needed

Notes and Reminders

As we begin to get to know the children in each class better, let's continue to pray that God would soften their hearts toward him and make Himself known! Let's also pray that we would have clear words for how we can best explain the importance of God's love to the children in our class!

SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

Although God had been faithful to the people of Israel, they were not faithful to God. The Israelites continued to disobey God, following worthless idols and acting wickedly. Israel even turned to other nations during times of trouble, trusting in the power of man over God. God warned Israel of their unfaithfulness and showed His faithful love through the prophet Hosea.

Though Israel was far from Him, God wanted to show a picture of His great love and relentless pursuit of His people through Hosea's life. God instructed Hosea to marry a prostitute named Gomer, explaining that she would not be faithful to him. Yet, God told Hosea to remain committed to her.

Hosea obeyed God and married Gomer. As God said, she was unfaithful to Hosea and left their family. In the same way, the Israelites were unfaithful to God, worshiping idols, acting corruptly, and loving violence. However, God's love did not relent, and He promised a day when He would forgive and restore them (Hosea 14:4-9).

To show the Israelites the depth of His love, God told Hosea to show love to Gomer, even though she had chosen a life of adultery (Hosea 3:1). Again, Hosea obeyed God. He paid the debts Gomer owed and brought her back home to their family.

On the cross, Jesus paid our debt of sin, restoring our relationship with God so we might be with Him forever. When we repent and turn to Jesus, He brings us into His family. Even when believers act unfaithfully, Jesus continues to be faithful and show unending love. Encourage boys and girls to ask Jesus for forgiveness and praise Him for His unfailing love. God promised to be faithful to Israel, and He continues to be faithful to us. Point children to God's promises to Israel and the way these words of hope echo into Jesus' promises to followers of Christ to heal them, love them, and not be angry with them (Hosea 14:4).

JUNIOR SHEPHERD HIGHLIGHT

Even though God was always faithful to Israel, the people were not faithful to Him. They disobeyed God, worshiped fake idols, and did evil things. Instead of trusting God when they were in trouble, they looked to other nations for help.

God sent the prophet Hosea to warn Israel and to show how much He still loved them. God told Hosea to marry a woman named Gomer, who would not be faithful to him. Hosea obeyed, and just like God said, Gomer left him. This was like Israel leaving God to worship idols and do wrong things.

But God's love didn't stop. He promised to forgive Israel and bring them back one day. To show this, God told Hosea to love Gomer again, even though she had been unfaithful. Hosea paid her debts and brought her home, showing the kind of love God has for His people. This points to Jesus. On the cross, Jesus paid for our sins so we can be close to God forever. When we turn to Jesus and ask for forgiveness, He welcomes us into His family. Even when we fail Him, Jesus stays faithful and keeps loving us.

As the kiddos continue to settle in to their new classes, we want to focus on growing the amount of trust we have with them. Each time you prove that you are reliable, you help that child to trust you a little more.

It's kind of like saving money in a piggy bank. If you put a few coins in it each day, its value grows. When something happens that you need a lot of money, you can go to your piggy bank and rely on the stored coins for what you need! When we are trying to prove ourselves trustworthy, we have to do it a little bit at a time. Maybe you show one of the kids that you are always willing to sit next to them during story time, or you show them how to build a taller tower with the blocks. They are learning to trust you. Then maybe they get into an argument with another child in your class. Because they trust you, they might ask you to help them solve the problem!

Everything we do around children helps them to see whether or not they can trust us. What can you do to add more to each child's piggy bank of trust?

OUTLINE



Welcome and Intro Activity

5 minutes

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door.

- Place the heart-shaped cookie cutter in the bag. Greet children as they come to the classroom. Encourage children to feel what is inside the bag and guess what it is. Show the Bible Story Picture Poster as you talk about what is inside.
- **SAY** I am so glad that you are at church today. There is something in this bag that reminds me of the Bible story we will hear today. Feel what is inside. Can you guess what it is? It is a heart. In our story, God told Hosea to marry a woman named Gomer, but Gomer would love other people instead. Our big picture question asks, **Why** do Christians continue to sin? Because we still have hearts that want to sin. Hosea loved Gomer even though she had made him sad. Even when we do not love God as we should, He still loves us. God is loving and faithful.

Circle Time and Bible Story

10 minutes

Thinking Activity

- Place enough paper hearts throughout the classroom that each child in the class can have one. Invite children to find a heart and bring it to group time. Assist as needed so that each child finds a heart. Encourage everyone to place the hearts they found in a small basket.
- **SAY** Hearts remind me of love. God is loving and faithful. God wanted to show how the people of Israel were not loving Him as they should. He told Hosea to marry a woman named Gomer, but Gomer would not love Hosea completely.

Bible Story

- Hosea was a man who listened to God. God told Hosea to marry a woman named Gomer, but Gomer would not love Hosea completely and would love other people instead. God wanted to show how the people of Israel were not loving Him as they should. Hosea did what God said. He married Gomer, and they had three children with special names. The names were messages from God: Jezreel (which meant trouble), No Mercy (because God would punish them), and Not My People (because they were not obeying Him). Gomer did not stay with Hosea. She went away, just like how the people of Israel went away from God. But Hosea went to find Gomer, and He brought her back home. He loved her even when she had made him sad. Hosea told the people of Israel to turn back to God, who still loved them and would take care of them after they were punished. God's love never stops, even when we make wrong choices.





Christ Connection

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Review Activity

- Place the basket of hearts from the previous activity in the center of the group. Invite children to take a heart from the basket as they share a way that God shows His love to us. If anyone is having a difficult time thinking of a way that He shows love to us, offer suggestions such as giving us families who love us, providing food and clothing for us, sending Jesus, or forgiving us when we say we are sorry for making wrong choices.
- **SAY** We thought of so many ways God shows His love to us. God is loving and faithful. Hosea loved Gomer even though she had made him sad. Even when we do not love God as we should, He still loves us. God showed His love by sending Jesus to save us.

Movement Activity

10 minutes

Find the simple picture of a woman in your bin. Encourage children to turn and face the wall while you hide the picture somewhere in the classroom. Once it is hidden, invite children to find the woman. Give clues to help them find her. Invite children to take turns hiding the picture.

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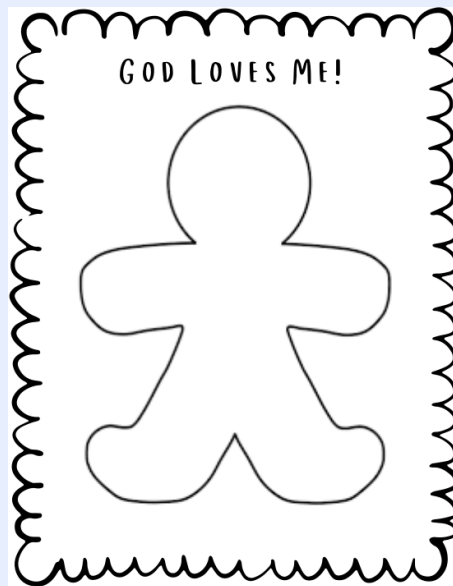
Craft

5-7 minutes

Distribute the 'God Loves Me!' craft pages and markers or crayons to the children.

Encourage the children to color their people outlines to look like themselves.

SAY These pictures of you all are so colorful and beautiful! Seeing these beautiful pictures reminds me God is loving and faithful. Even though we do not love God with our whole hearts, He still loves us. God showed His love for us by sending His Son, Jesus, to die and come back to life to save us from sin.



Music

5 minutes

You will find music and other video resources on the USB which is already plugged into the TV. Feel free to play the videos in any order you like! You may distribute the Activity Page for the children to complete at this time, if they would prefer to sit and listen to the music.

Friends From Afar

5-7 minutes

You will find today's activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included.





Prayer and Bible Verse

10 minutes

Prayer (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

- God, You are loving and faithful. Thank You for loving us even when we do not love You the way we should. Help us follow You and love You. Amen.

Bible Verse

- Read the key passage aloud. Distribute a printable and markers to each child. As you practice the key passage, encourage children to use markers to color and decorate their door hanger.
- **SAY** Our key passage tells us to follow the Lord, keep His commands, and listen to Him. We made this door hanger so we can hang it at home, learn the verse, and do what it says. Where will you hang your door hanger? [Allow responses.]

Snack and Discussion Time

5-7 minutes

Have children sanitize their hands before passing out snacks and cups of water. During this time, you can connect with children and discuss questions regarding the lesson.

1. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
3. Why did God tell Hosea to marry Gomer? (He wanted Israel to see how they were not loving Him as they should.)
4. How many children did Hosea and Gomer have? (three)
5. How did God show us that He loves us? (He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and come back to life to rescue us from our sin.)
6. Why do Christians continue to sin? Christians continue to sin because we still have hearts that want to sin.

SAY Hosea was a prophet who listened to God. God asked him to marry a woman who would not love him, just like the people of Israel were not loving God the way they should. Hosea loved his wife even when she did not love him back. Hosea was loving and faithful to his wife. God is loving and faithful to His people. God wants us to love Him and follow Him.





Additional Activities

As Needed

Sing a Song

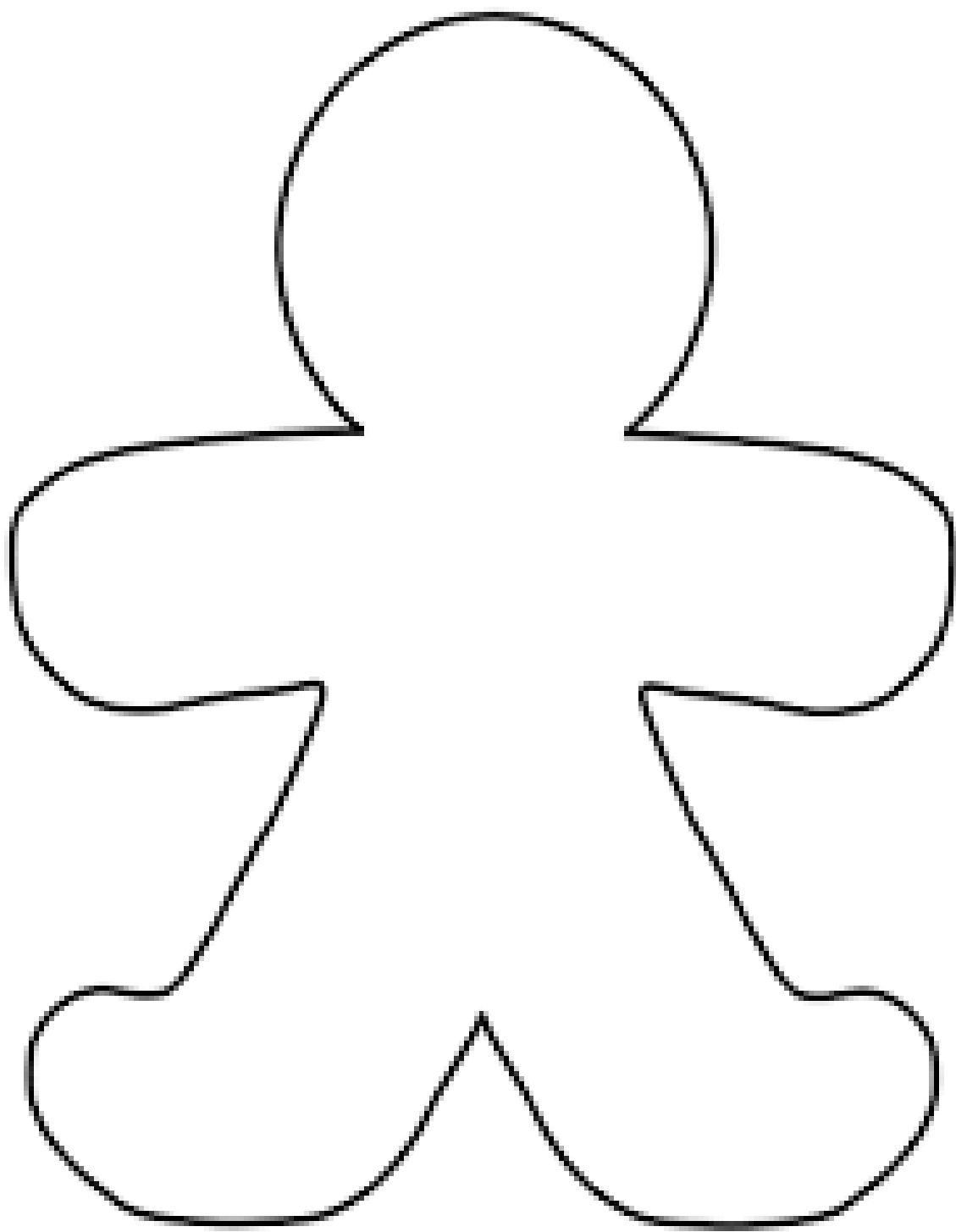
- Lead children to sit in a circle. Guide children to pass a paper heart shape around the circle and sing the following song to the tune of “Mary had a Little Lamb:”
 - God’s love never stops, never stops, never stops.
 - God’s love never stops,
 - God loves (Say the name of the child holding the heart.)
- Repeat until every child’s name has been sung.
- SAY God is loving and faithful. How does it make you feel to know God loves you even when you make bad choices? [Allow responses.] God’s love for us never stops, even when we make wrong choices. We can trust that God will always love us because He sent His Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins.

Work Family Puzzles

- Place puzzles featuring families and people on the table. Invite children to complete the puzzles. Older children may enjoy the challenge of mixing the puzzle pieces from several different puzzles together and sorting them before completing the puzzle or hiding the puzzle pieces in a bag and revealing the pieces one at a time.
- SAY God told Hosea to marry a woman named Gomer, but Gomer would not love Hosea completely. God wanted to show how the people of Israel were not loving Him as they should. Gomer went away just like the people of Israel went away from God. Hosea still loved her and brought her back home. Hosea told the people of Israel to turn back to God, who still loved them and would take care of them. God is loving and faithful.

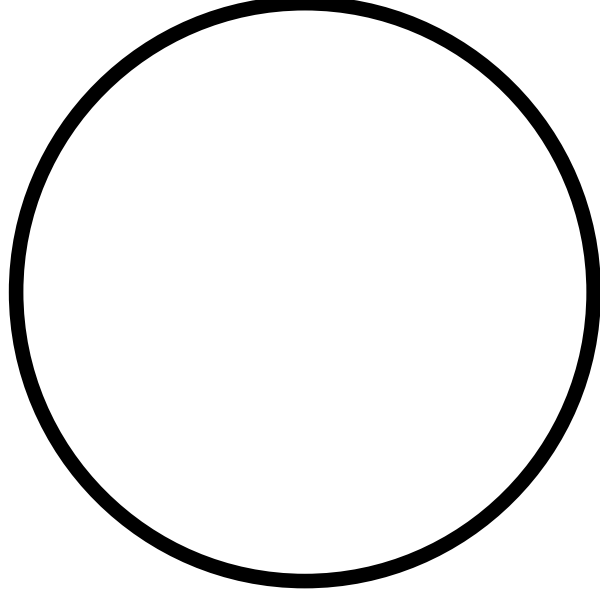


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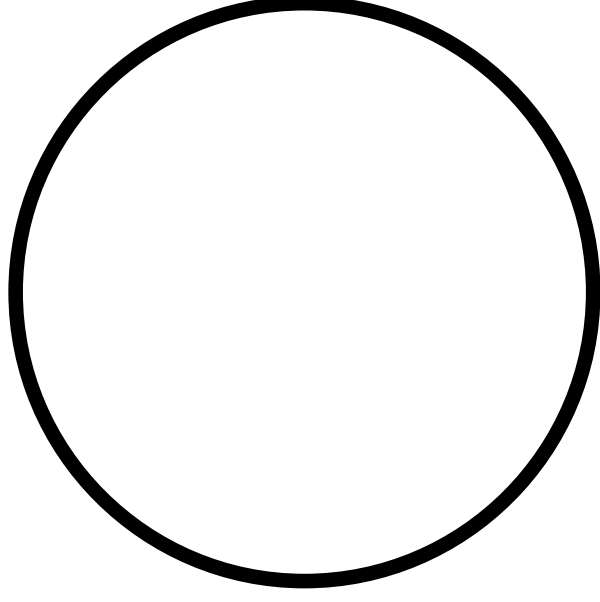
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Cross Out Different Items

INSTRUCTIONS: Hosea was kind to Gomer even though she was unkind to him. Cross out the picture that is different in each row.



NAME: _____



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Hosea, Prophet to Israel

Hosea

STORY POINT:

God is loving and faithful.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Even though we do not love God with all our hearts, He still loves us. God showed us His love by sending Jesus to be our Savior.

KEY PASSAGE:

Deuteronomy 13:4

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

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