

Grades 1-3 Lesson Template

Where	Who and What	What you Need
Classroom	Teacher takes attendance Give students a sticker	Paper on table, check off who is here, put onto the clipboard
	Ask the students if they know what the word "faithful" means. Go over the paper "Is this faithful?" and have the students give thumbs up or thumbs down.	Is this faithful? Worksheet
Large Group	Large Group Time: Leader is Sophie. She will get you when she is ready.	
Classroom:	Ask questions from page 74 1. Hosea warned about God's judgment on sin. How did this show God's love? 2. What does it mean that God is faithful? 3. If God remains faithful to Christians no matter what, why do you think it's good to obey God?	Bible Ask Questions
	Make a paper heart chain to remind yourself that God will always love you! (this may be too hard for gr. 1: you could just make one chain for the whole class?) 	Construction paper Stapler
	Wordsearch and look up books of the Bible if they are in OT or NT.	Worksheet

Is This Being Faithful?

Have kids answer “Yes, that is faithful!” or “No, that is not faithful.”

1. You promised your mom you would clean your room, but you decide to play video games instead.
→ ❌ Not faithful
2. Your friend is being left out at recess, so you invite them to play with you.
→ ✅ Faithful
3. You tell your teacher you finished your homework, even though you didn't.
→ ❌ Not faithful
4. You pray and trust God when you're worried about something, even though you don't know what will happen.
→ ✅ Faithful
5. You agree to help your dad with a job, but when it gets boring, you sneak away.
→ ❌ Not faithful
6. You keep practicing your Bible verse even when you find it difficult to memorize.
→ ✅ Faithful
7. You see someone drop their money and decide to keep it because nobody saw you.
→ ❌ Not faithful
8. Your friend tells you a secret, and you promise not to tell anyone. You keep the secret.
→ ✅ Faithful
9. You don't feel like going to church or praying, so you decide that you don't need God anymore.
→ ❌ Not faithful
10. You make a mistake and tell the truth, even though you know you might get in trouble.
→ ✅ Faithful

Quick Wrap-Up

Ask the kids:

“What does it mean to be faithful?”

Then emphasize:

“Being faithful means we can be trusted to do what is right and keep our promises. Most importantly, God is always faithful to us! Because God is faithful, we can learn to be faithful too.”



THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

LOVE God by Applying the Story

1 REVIEW & BIBLE SKILLS (5 minutes)

Distribute Bibles and display the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Guide kids to open their Bibles to Hosea 14. Explain that Hosea is part of the Minor Prophets in the Old Testament. Point out some of the other Minor Prophets such as Jonah, Joel, Micah, and Nahum.

Consider pointing out the location of Israel (E5) on the Old Testament Kingdoms Map. Choose a volunteer to read aloud Hosea 14:1-2 or ask the kids to follow along as you read the verses aloud. Use these verses to point ahead to next week's session.

SAY “God’s people were stuck in a pattern of sin. Even when they tried to follow God, they would eventually turn away again. In these verses, Hosea begged the people to once again turn back to God. He called the people to ask God for forgiveness. He wanted God to receive praise for how He is faithful to forgive people who repent of sin and trust in Him.

God wants us to keep turning to Him for forgiveness too. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives all of our sin. But because Jesus hasn’t yet returned, Christians still sin. **CHRISTIANS CONTINUE TO SIN BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE A SIN NATURE, BUT WHEN JESUS RETURNS, HE WILL MAKE US SINLESS LIKE HIM.** God’s people praise Him for how He has saved them from sin.”

2 GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes)

Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

SAY “Hosea warned about God’s judgment on sin. How did this show God’s love?”

Tell kids that just as it is loving for a parent to warn a kid of danger, so it is also loving for God to warn His people of the judgment His people would face for their sin. God desires people to repent and trust in Jesus to be saved from the judgment of sin.

SAY “What does it mean that God is faithful?”

Share that the word faithful means steadfast, dedicated, dependable, and worthy of trust. God is always faithful because He never changes. God is faithful to His character. He will keep His promise to forgive sin for those who trust in Jesus. And He will be faithful to punish those who do not trust in Jesus.

SAY “If God remains faithful to Christians no matter what, why do you think it’s good to obey God?”

Help kids think through what it communicates to God and the world when we obey God. Help kids see that God loves us and wants us to love Him. Explain how God’s mercy, grace, and love toward us awakens our hearts to love Him, and our love for God will naturally lead us to obey Him.

Transition from **LOVE** to **LIVE**





WELCOME Kids

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, build relationships, and help new kids connect to your group.

SAY “How do you show someone you love them? How do you like someone to show they love you? Why?”

1 ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete “Color to Reveal” activity page.

SAY “God is always faithful, even when His people are unfaithful. Today, we will learn how God used the prophet Hosea to warn Israel of their sin and show His faithful love to them.”

2 SESSION STARTER (10 minutes)

☐ OPTION 1: BRING IT BACK

Before the session, write the word Love on an empty cardboard box. Create a heart cutout for each kid and hide the hearts around the room. Challenge kids to each find a heart. When kids find a heart, invite them to draw a picture of how God shows His love to people. Then direct kids to bring the hearts back to the cardboard box that says Love.

SAY “God is faithful, and He loves His people. Today, we will learn how God’s people turned away from Him and worshiped other gods. **GOD WARNED AND SHOWED HIS LOVE TO ISRAEL THROUGH THE PROPHET HOSEA.** Like Israel was unfaithful to God, Hosea had a wife who did not show she loved him. But God sent Hosea to bring his wife back and show her unending love.”

☐ OPTION 2: PAPER HEART CHAINS



Provide each kid with a strip of paper about 11 inches long and 2 inches wide. Guide kids to fold their strip of paper accordion style, folding in one direction first, then flipping their paper over and folding in the other direction. Repeat this process until their strip is folded into a small square. Then lead kids to draw a heart on top of the folded paper. Cut out the heart, cutting the top and bottom of the heart, but being careful not to cut the side folds so the chain stays intact.

Then direct kids to take each of their paper heart chains, and with your help, staple the chains together to form one long paper heart chain. Hang the paper chain in the room and refer to it when you discuss God’s never-ending love.

SAY “Our paper heart chains may have an ending point, but imagine if they went on and on and on. That’s like God’s love for His people. God is love, and His love for His people never ends. Today, we will see how God showed His unending love for His people through the prophet Hosea. Even though God’s people rejected Him, God continued to show His love for them.”

Transition from **WELCOME** to **LEARN**





JOURNAL PAGE

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



Unit 14 • Session 3

HOSEA, PROPHET TO ISRAEL

Hosea

WHY DO CHRISTIANS CONTINUE TO SIN?

CHRISTIANS CONTINUE TO SIN BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE A SIN NATURE, BUT WHEN JESUS RETURNS, HE WILL MAKE US SINLESS LIKE HIM.

God wanted to show His people a picture of how much He loved and wanted to be with them, even though they had been unfaithful to Him. He spoke to His prophet Hosea, saying, “Go and marry a woman who will not be faithful to you.”

Hosea followed God's direction and married a woman named Gomer. They had three children together. Sadly, Gomer was not faithful to Hosea and left the family.

Gomer's unfaithfulness to Hosea was like Israel's unfaithfulness to God. But God still loved Israel and forgave them for their lack of faithfulness.

God told Hosea, “Show love to Gomer, even though she hasn't shown love to you, just as I have loved the Israelites.”

Hosea obeyed God. He paid back what Gomer owed others and brought her back to live with him.

Hosea pled with the Israelites to come back to God, just as Gomer had come back to Hosea. But he also told the people that there would be consequences for their sin. He said, “Repent and turn away and return to the Lord. No one else can save us but God.”

Through Hosea, God promised to be faithful to Israel. God also said that one day His people would seek the Lord their God.

Christ Connection: Israel was not faithful to God, but God was faithful to Israel, just as Hosea loved his wife even when she didn't love him. God is faithful to save all sinners who repent and trust in Jesus.

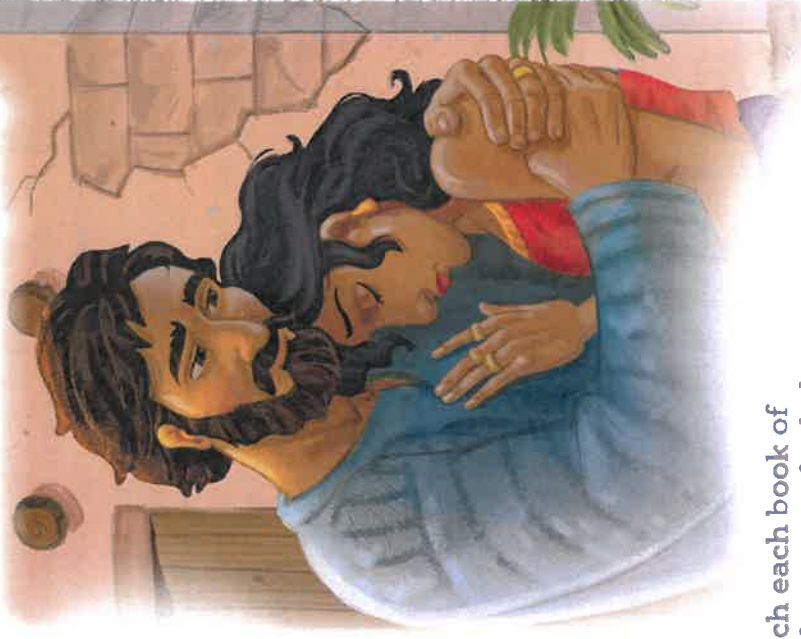


SCAN THE QR CODE FOR RESOURCES TO USE AT HOME!

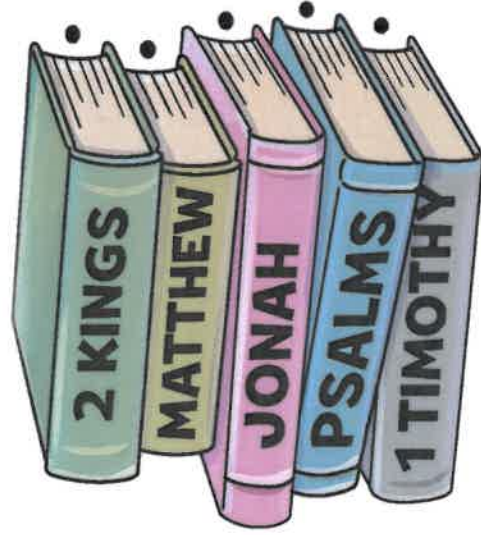
Search It | Through Hosea, God promised to be faithful to Israel. Find and circle the hidden words from today's story.

HOSEA
GOMER
PROPHET
LOVE
FAITHFUL
ISRAEL
SIN
PATIENT
REPENT
SAVE

R L S P P O J B Q
I U I D Q P U Z
W F L S M G A T L
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T A S L U E N O M
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A G T G O M E R C



Old or New? | The whole Bible teaches how God is faithful to rescue sinners. Match each book of the Bible to either the Old Testament or the New Testament. Use your Bible's Table of Contents for help.



OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT

