

Age 3 and 4 and Kindergarten 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
	Look at page 69: 1. Work on the "find the hearts" activity 2. Listen and Give instructions activity 3. Trace your name activity	Worksheet Worksheet with pencils
Large Group	Large Group Time: Leader is Sophie. She will get you when ready	
Classroom:	SEARCH AND FIND Hide a woman people figure in the room. Place a dollhouse in the center of the room. Prompt the children to find the woman and bring her to the dollhouse. Remind preschoolers Hosea found Gomer and brought her home. SAY You found the woman and brought her home. This reminds me of our Bible story when Hosea went after Gomer and brought her back home. Hosea loved Gomer even though she sinned and made him sad. We also sin. Why do Christians continue to sin? Christians continue to sin because we still have hearts that want to sin. But there is good news! Even though we continue to sin, God still loves us. God's love never stops, even when we make mistakes. God showed us His love by sending Jesus to be our Savior.	Dollhouse Woman figure



WELCOME Preschoolers

Post an Allergy Alert, if needed. Set out supplies to engage preschoolers as they arrive. Play music as you welcome preschoolers. Greet children by name at eye level. Follow your church's security procedures.

1 ACTIVITY PAGE

Lead preschoolers to complete "Find the Hearts" on the Activity Page.

SAY "You found the hidden hearts on the page! What do you think of when you see a heart? [Allow responses.] I think of love when I see a heart shape. In today's Bible story, we will learn how **GOD IS LOVING AND FAITHFUL!**"

2 SESSION STARTER

Use one or both of the following options to engage curiosity about today's Bible story.

LISTEN AND GIVE INSTRUCTIONS



Whisper simple instructions into a child's ear such as "jump in place," "high-five a friend," or "pat your head." Encourage the child to tell the whole class the instructions, and then lead the class in following those instructions. Give each child a turn to listen and give instructions.

SAY "You listened to me and then shared what I said with the rest of the class. This is similar to what prophets did in the Old Testament. Prophets told people messages from God. Today we will learn about a prophet named Hosea. Hosea was a man who listened to God. He told people that **GOD IS LOVING AND FAITHFUL.**"

TRACE YOUR NAME

Before the activity, write each child's name in large letters on a piece of cardstock. Distribute the prepared papers, crayons, washable markers, and colored pencils to each child. Lead children to use the writing utensils to trace over their names.

SAY "Look! Each of you has a special name that was picked out just for you. Your parents may have given you this name because they liked the meaning of it. In our story today, God gave special names to Hosea's children. These names showed how God felt about the people of Israel."

3 TRANSITION TO LEARN

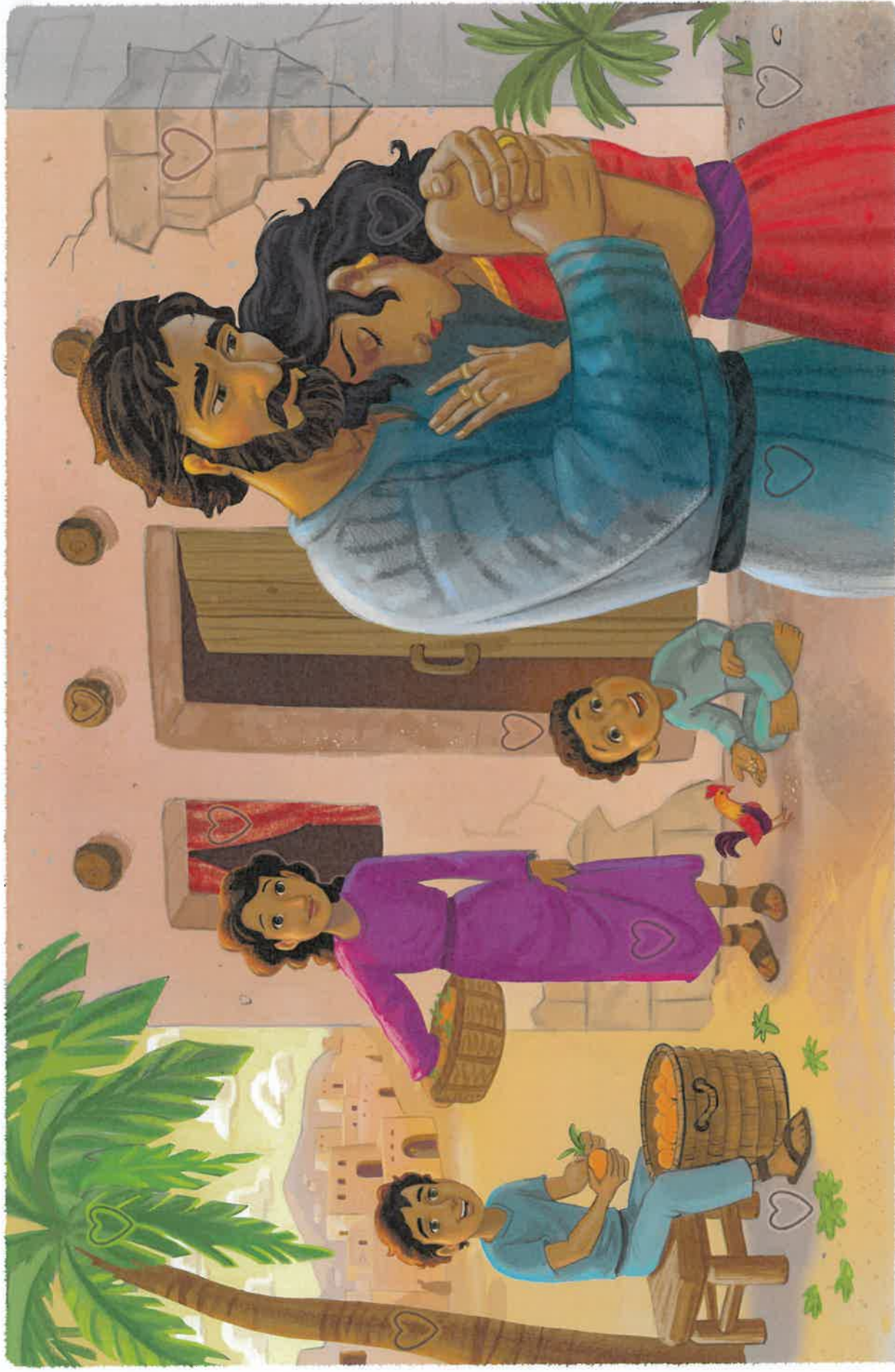
Gain preschoolers' attention by showing the countdown video, turning the lights off and on, or clapping a simple rhythm for children to copy. Invite preschoolers to say, "**GOD IS LOVING AND FAITHFUL,**" as they transition to Learn.

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



Find the Hearts

INSTRUCTIONS: God is loving and faithful. Circle the 11 hidden hearts in the Bible story picture.



NAME: _____



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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