



IDC KIDS

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8:30am & 11:15am

HOSEA, PROPHET TO ISRAEL

HOSEA

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.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

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

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:

Deuteronomy 13:4

STORY POINT:

God is loving and faithful.

LEARN

GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON.

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

- Invite the children to join you on the rug for group time.

SAY	Each person's family looks different, and they enjoy doing different things. Today we will learn about a man named Hosea who married a woman named Gomer. They had a family too. Listen closely to learn more.
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2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

Volunteers with 2s in room 114: You will need to open the divider with 113 for bible story time.

Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to open the divider with 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline on the next page.



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TEACHING OUTLINE

LOW-TECH ALTERNATIVE TO VIDEO

GREET PRESCHOOLERS WITH A SMILE

As preschoolers arrive, sing a song with motions to engage and welcome them like Jesus, Loves Me or He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. Lead motions enthusiastically and encourage preschoolers to join you. Help the preschoolers think through what it means to worship God.

STORY SCRIPT

Hosea was a man who listened to God and told people what God said. God used Hosea's life to teach the people of Israel a lesson. **God told Hosea to marry a woman named Gomer,** but she would not keep her marriage promises. God wanted to show the people of Israel how they were not loving Him as they should.

Hosea did what God asked. He married Gomer, and they had three children. God gave them special names to show how He felt about the people of Israel: Jezreel (which meant trouble for Israel), No Mercy (because God would punish them), and Not My People (because they were not obeying Him).

Gomer did not love Hosea and ran away, just like the people of Israel ran away from God. But Hosea went after Gomer and brought her back home. He loved her even though she had made him sad.

Hosea told the people to turn back to God, who still loved them and would take care of them after their punishment. God's love never stops, even when we make mistakes.

Story Telling Tips

- **Hold up a heart:** Ask the kids their favorite way to make a heart sign. If they don't know any, have the volunteers share their favorites. Every time we say God in the story, hold up your heart sign.
- **Turn around:** Turn your back to the children as you talk about Israel turning away from God. Turn back around when you mention Hosea telling the people to turn back to God.

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.



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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY (OPTIONAL)

Ask the following review questions:

- a. What did you like about the Bible story? (Answers will vary.)
- b. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (Answers will vary.)
- c. Why did God tell Hosea to marry Gomer? (He wanted Israel to see how they were not loving Him as they should.)
- d. How many children did Hosea and Gomer have? (three)
- e. 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.)
- f. **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.
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4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY	Even though God's people knew God loved them, they did not love Him the way they should. They continued to sin and turn away from God. But God continued to love and go after them. Why do Christians continue to sin? Christians continue to sin because we still have hearts that want to sin. Even though we continue to sin, God loves us. God showed us His love by sending Jesus to die and come back to life to rescue us from sin. When we ask God for forgiveness when we sin, He always forgives us.
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5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Marker at **Deuteronomy 13:4**. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Create motions for preschoolers to use as they say the key passage. Use the key passage song video for inspiration.

SAY	After Gomer ran away from Hosea, he went to find her and bring her home. Hosea wanted to follow God. Hosea kept God's commands and listened to Him. Hosea told the people to turn back to God. He showed them that God's love never stops.
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HINT: You can play the [memory verse song](#) or replay the Verse Video on the TV under [Pre-K Discipleship](#) called **Follow the Lord**.

6. PRAY

SAY	God, You have showed us Your love by sending Your son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Thank You for always loving us, even when we make mistakes. Help us love and obey You. Amen.
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ACTIVITIES

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH BELOW

1. 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 you.

Then start passing the heart and sing it for each child.

God's love never stops, never stops, never stops.

God's love never stops,

God loves [say the name of the child] too.

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.

2. COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents. Check diapers and change if they are dirty then release children by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.