

Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part Two



Created for use with young, unchurched learners
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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God's Love for His People

Hosea 11, 14

Memory Verse

But God is faithful and fair.
If we admit that
we have sinned,
He will forgive us our sins.
He will forgive every
wrong thing we have done.
He will make us pure.
(I John 1:9 NIV)

Goals

1. Understand that God sent Hosea to tell the people they had done wrong.
2. Recognize that Israel did not want to turn away from their sin.
3. Learn that God tells Israel if they will repent, He will forgive them.
4. Understand that God loves us deeply and is full of mercy.

Last week we learned that King Darius planned to put Daniel in charge of the whole kingdom. This made some evil men very jealous. They wanted to kill Daniel. They tricked the king into signing a law that would ensure that Daniel would die. Daniel prayed as always, knowing it might mean he would die.

Read the Bible

READ: Hosea 11:3-8; 14: 1-9 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Begin With Prayer

Hosea was a prophet of God. Do you remember what a prophet is? (Wait for responses. A prophet is someone who tells people what God says.) God told Hosea to tell the people that they had done wrong. They had started worshipping idols instead of worshipping God. God told them this was wrong when He gave Moses the Ten Commandments. (Exodus 20)

God said, "I taught Israel to walk. I took them up in my arms. But they did not realize I was the one who took care of them. I led them with kindness and love." (Hosea 11:3-4 NIV)

But Israel did not want to turn away from their sins. Have you ever done something you knew was wrong? That is what Israel did. They chose to disobey God. (Hosea 11:5-7)

God is merciful and full of grace. Even though Israel had chosen to sin against God, He wanted Hosea to tell the people that He still loved them. They would be punished for the wrong they did, but that did not mean that God did not love them. In fact, God said He felt pity for them. (Hosea 11:8)

In Chapter 14 God asks Israel to repent. He says that their sins have destroyed them. (Hosea 14:1) Sin has consequences (penalty or cost).

God wanted Israel to ask for forgiveness. God said that if they would do that, He would forgive them. (Hosea 14:2-3)

God said that He loved them freely. (Hosea 14:4) God's love for us and for Israel is unconditional (complete, total, unreserved). His mercy is

Daniel in the Lion's Den — Bible Facts

1. The king planned to put Daniel in charge of the kingdom.
2. Some evil men tried to find a way to kill Daniel.
3. The king signed a law that everyone must pray to him only for 30 days.
4. Daniel prayed to God as he always did.
5. God sent an angel to protect Daniel from the lions.

everlasting. The Bible says, "God loves us deeply. He is full of mercy." (Ephesians 2:4 NIV)

We can depend on God. "The ways of the Lord are right; the righteous will walk in them." God is good. He knows what is best. He will always lead us in the best direction. (Hosea 14:9 NIV)

The Bible tells us that all people have sinned or done wrong (Rom. 3:23). The Bible also tells us that because we have done wrong we deserve death. We can't blame someone else for the wrong we have done. (Rom. 6:23) God did an amazing thing for us. God sent His Son, Jesus, to take our place. He showed us He loves us very much. (John 3:16)

Review

1. **Who was Hosea?** (Hosea was a prophet of God.)
2. **What did Hosea do?** (Hosea told the people they had done wrong.)
3. **What did the people do?** (The people refused to turn from their sins.)
4. **What did God do?** (God loved us unconditionally [completely, totally, unreservedly].)

Do You Know Jesus?

Jesus died for us (Rom. 5:8) If we trust Jesus with our lives and ask Him to come into our hearts, He promises that we will live forever with God. (John 3:16). We must believe in Jesus and invite Him to be a part of our lives. We must also tell others about Him. (Rom. 10:9-10; Matthew 28:18-20). Would you like to pray and ask Jesus into your life? (John 3:16) If you want to know how to trust Jesus, talk to your teacher.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to die for us.
3. Ask God to help you follow His direction.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to follow God's direction.

Application

God sent the prophet, Hosea, to tell the people of Israel they had done wrong. Israel did not want to turn away from their sin. God tells Israel if they will repent, He will forgive them. God loves us deeply and is full of mercy. If we repent and ask for His forgiveness, He will forgive us. (I John 1:9)

Planning for Next Week

God Will Help — Joel 2

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: Hosea 11:3-8 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Teachers: Make clocks. Use paper plates and brads. Use cardstock to make the hands. Allow the children to decorate the clocks. Talk about following God's directions all the time.

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God told Hosea to tell the people that they had done wrong. They had started worshipping idols instead of worshipping God. God told them this was wrong when He gave Moses the Ten Commandments. (Exodus 20—make a copy for the children to see and make extra copies that they can color and take home.)

God loved Israel. They were His special, chosen people. But Israel did not want to turn away from their sins. Have you ever done something you knew was wrong? That is what Israel did. They chose to disobey God.

God is merciful and full of grace. Even though Israel had chosen to sin against God, He wanted Hosea to tell the people that He still loved them. They would be punished for the wrong they did, but that did not mean that God did not love them.

Jesus died so that we could have God's forgiveness. God loves us even when we do wrong. If we ask Him for forgiveness, He will forgive us.

Make clocks to help you remember that God wants us to obey Him all the time.

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3. Ask God to help you obey Him all the time.

Memory verse for younger children

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Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Make a booklet to put the Bible verse in. Use cardstock for the front and back covers. Use regular paper to write the verse. Include a page to illustrate the verse. Allow the children to decorate the booklet. You may punch holes and use yarn to tie the pages together.

•**Test your memory** — Create a “time clock book.” Bring coloring pages of the clock at each of the twelve hours. Use twelve key phrases from the lessons (one per hour) as you tell the story. Add Bible verses that help us do what is right. Make a mini “time clock book” for each of the children.

•**Taste activity** — Bring sugar cookies and use icing to decorate them to look like a clock.

Bring heart-shaped candy.

•**Think about it** — God sent Hosea to tell people they were doing wrong. What do you do when someone tells you that you are doing wrong? Talk about the importance of doing what is right.

Israel chose to continue in their sin. Talk about the importance of repentance.

For older children: Talk about how God told Hosea to marry a woman who was not faithful to him. Talk about how God is a jealous God.

•**Touch activity** — Make traffic signs. Talk about how important it is to obey traffic signs.

Make clocks. Use paper plates and brads. Use cardstock to make the hands. Allow the children to decorate the clocks. Talk about following God’s directions all the time.

Make hearts out of cardstock. Decorate with stickers.

•**Run and play** — Play a game where children are supposed to follow the directions given to them. Use traffic signs that say: Turn left, turn right, stop, yield, take two steps forward, take two steps back, etc. Allow some children to hold the signs. Ask the other children to follow directions only when they want to do so. Watch the chaos. Talk about following God’s directions all the time.

•**Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to follow His direction.

•**Sing** — Sing “The Lord Has a Will,” “Here Am I,” “Savior Like Shepherd Lead Me,” or another song related to the story.

•**Reach out** — During class, pray (by name) for kids who did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the booklets with the Bible verse to those who were absent. Pray with the children who were absent. Encourage them to read the story in the Bible.

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Word Puzzle

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Word Search

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ADMIT

SINNED

FORGIVE

SINS

PURE

JOHN