

Calvary Kids

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God is faithful to His people even
when they do not love Him.
Bible Passage: Hosea



MEMORY VERSE

"The Lord ... is patient with you, ...
wanting ... everyone to come to repentance."
2 Peter 3:9

**Thank you so much for watching our Calvary Kids online message today!!
Here are some fun ways to dig deeper into today's lesson with the entire family.**

1. TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON SUMMARY

The people of Israel stopped loving God, but God did not stop loving them. God wanted to teach His people a lesson. God gave the prophet Hosea a special job to show this to them. God told Hosea, "Go and get married. But your wife will not love you with her whole heart." God also told Hosea, "Be a good dad to your children" God would use Hosea's life to teach His people in Israel what God's love for them was like. The people did not love God with their whole hearts; they loved other things more than God. It is hard to love someone who doesn't love you back. But Hosea obeyed God and married a woman named Gomer. They had three children: Jezreel, Lo-ruhamah, and Lo-ammi. Each of the children's names had an important meaning. Jezreel was the name of a city which meant that God was going to punish Israel. They would be defeated by their enemies. Lo-ruhamah, means "No Mercy," which was a sign that God was not going to show Israel mercy anymore. They would be punished for their sins. Lo-ammi, means "Not My People," which meant that the Israelites were no longer God's people. They had broken their promise to love and obey God. Gomer did not love Hosea, even though Hosea loved her. Gomer even ran away from Hosea many times. Like Hosea, God's people turned away from Him, they worshipped false Gods. God sent Hosea after Gomer and Hosea had to pay money to bring her back home. God gave Hosea a love for his wife that would never go away. Hosea's love for Gomer showed Israel how much God loved His people. Hosea warned the people that God was going to judge them for their sin. Hosea pleaded with the people of Israel to return to God, "Turn back to God. He still loves you." God was going to punish the people for their sins and for turning away from Him. God would keep His promise that He had made to Abraham, to have a big family and that one day, Jesus would be born from Abraham's family. God would never stop loving His people and He would even pay a high price to bring them back to Him. God loves His people with a love that never gives up and He had a plan to get His people back no matter what. When they remember God's love, God would be ready to welcome them home.

2. EXPERIENCE THE STORY

- **Family Activity (Do the following activity together as a family to reinforce the Bible Lesson and spend time together.)**
- For a fun family activity, make "Hearts." This activity may require some prior adult preparation, depending on which way to choose to make your hearts. First you can choose to make hearts out of "Play Dough" or you can make "Heart Shaped Cookies" using your own family favorite recipe. If you choose play dough, make sure to provide play dough, rolling pins and heart shaped cookie cutters. Encourage everyone to be creative, have fun and make hearts out of play dough. If you choose to make and bake cookies, use your family favorite sugar cookie recipe. Have everyone participate in the measuring and mixing of ingredients to make the cookie dough. Roll out your dough and use the heart shaped cookie cutters to cut out the cookies. Have fun making your "Hearts." Talk about how the people of Israel stopped loving God, but God did not stop loving them. God used Hosea's life to show Israel how much He loved them. Hosea loved Gomer even though Gomer did not love him. God never stops loving us!

3. FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (Have a family discussion about the Bible Lesson and ask the following questions. Retell the story if needed by reading the Bible Passages from our lesson.)

- 1. Why did God tell Hosea to marry Gomer?** (God wanted to teach the people of Israel what His love is like.)
- 2. Why did Gomer run away from home?** (She did not love Hosea with her whole heart.)
- 3. How many children did Gomer have?** (Gomer and Hosea had three children)
- 4. What were their names and what did the names mean?** (Jezreel, Lo-ruhamah, and Lo-ammi. Jezreel was the name of a city which meant that God was going to punish Israel. Lo-ruhamah, means "No Mercy," which was a sign that God was not going to show Israel mercy anymore. Lo-ammi, means "Not My People," which meant that the Israelites were no longer God's people.)
- 5. Was God going to give up on His people forever?** (No, God was going to punish them for their sins, but He would restore them.)
- 6. How do we God has stayed faithful to His people?** (From the Bible, God's word which tells us all the ways God restores His people. He sent us Jesus to make the ultimate sacrifice for our sins.)
- 7. What are ways we are unfaithful towards God?** (We tend to put other things, like money, fame, comfort or time, before God in our lives. We sometimes worship these things and make them more important than God, who is really the most important.)
- 8. If God remains faithful to us no matter what, why do you think it's good to obey God?** (Because God loves us and really wants us to love Him. God's love, mercy and grace towards each of us, opens our hearts to love Him, and our love for God will helps us to obey Him. We should obey God because He made us, He loves us, and His plans are good.)

4. PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE: 2 Peter 3:9 (Help kids memorize and understand their Bible Verse.)

"The Lord ... is patient with you, ... wanting ... everyone to come to repentance."

SAY: Our memory verse talks about how God is patient and wants the best for His people. God's people loved other things more than they loved God. Their sin deserved to be punished, but like the verse says, God was patient with them. He used Hosea's life to show them what His love is like. God is patient because He does not want anyone to be lost to sin, but He wants all people to turn away from their sins and be forgiven. God is patient with us too. God wants us to turn away from our sin and trust in Him.

5. FAMILY REFLECTION AND PRAYER: (Time to reflect on the over arching theme of our Bible Lesson and spend time in Prayer.)

SAY: God used Hosea's life to teach the people of Israel what His love is like. God had his prophet, Hosea marry Gomer, even though she would not love him with her whole heart. God's people did not love God with all their hearts. We do things that make God sad, but God still loves us. God gave Hosea a deep love for his wife, that he even was willing to buy her back after all she had done. We are like the Israelites; we have turned away from God by sinning. Our sin separates us from God, but God came after us. God's love is deep, and it never gives up. God loves people who do not love Him back. God goes after His people and He paid a great price to get us back. God sent His Son, Jesus who gave up His life on the cross for our sins. Jesus took our punishment for sin. When we trust in Him, God forgives our sins.

For some additional activities and discussion questions, please check out the Family Experience Page below.

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“The Church Has Left The Building”
Parents remember: “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6
We miss you!!!

MAIN POINT: Hosea, Prophet to Israel

God is faithful to His people even when they do not love Him.

FAMILY TIME QUESTIONS

- How did Hosea’s love for Gomer teach the people of Israel about God’s love for them? How does it teach us about God’s love for us?
- How has God shown His love for us? Who rescues us from sin?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Spend time together as a family.

- For a fun family activity, take time and name ways each person can show love to others in the family. Think of fun easy ways to demonstrate love and kindness to friends and family. As a family, do some simple acts of kindness to people you encounter during your day. You can call and check on friends and family or send them a card. Talk about how God’s love for us is the greatest love of all and lasts forever.

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