

▶ LESSON 3.4: HOSEA

STUDENTS STUDIED:

- » Hosea 1–3
- » Hosea 4–6
- » Hosea 7–10
- » Hosea 14

STUDENTS MEMORIZED AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING VERSES:

- » Hosea 6:6*
- » Hosea 4:6
- » Hebrews 11:37–38

Students Learned the Following Definitions:

EPHRAIM: one of the tribes in the Northern Kingdom; often used to name the entire nation of Israel in the book of Hosea.¹²

HOSEA: (Hebrew yasha') meaning "to save" or "to deliver"; from the same verb as Joshua and Jesus.¹³

DISCIPLINE: In Hosea 5:2, the Lord says He will discipline Israel. The use of "discipline" in this verse refers to punishment expressed as a form of love so Israel can learn to live the way God intended.¹⁴

RELIGIOUS SYNCRETISM: a blending of opposite religious beliefs

REVIVAL: an awakening or reawakening of desire to pursue the things of God by obeying His ways with action.

LESSON 1	LESSON 2	LESSON 3	LESSON 4
Students were introduced to the prophet Hosea and his wife, Gomer.	Students imagined the Lord taking Israel to court on the charges of adultery.	Students remembered Israel's sinful past.	Students observed God's patient love for Israel.
They learned God used Hosea's words and his life with Gomer to illustrate His relationship with the people of Israel.	They discovered the depths of God's love for Israel, whom He continued to seek despite their unfaithfulness.	They considered the length and depravity of Israel's sin and God's patience with them to turn to Him.	They thought about God's call for Israel's repentance and His call to us for spiritual revival.

IDENTITY INSIGHT:

God's perfect love pursues me even when I am unfaithful. I don't deserve His kindness, but He invites me to repent, reminding me of my true identity and then restoring me to a right relationship with Him when I do.

Students circled which verse they chose to memorize.

HOSEA 6:6*

HOSEA 4:6

HEBREWS 11:37-38

DISCUSSION

► SHARE

Read Ephesians 2:4–10 as a group. Share the testimony of how you came to faith in Jesus Christ.

► ASK

Gomer was restored to a right relationship with Hosea by an unimaginable act of grace, but then she was expected to behave as a good and faithful wife. *[Read James 2:14–26.]*

Invite students into a discussion on salvation by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:4–10) and the necessity of doing good works that demonstrate the reality of our faith (James 2:14–26). Ask students, “How do these Scriptures work together to inform faith and action in believers?”

► ACT

Remind students that God loves people while they are still sinners, as expressed through the illustration of Hosea and Gomer, God and Israel, and Jesus’ death on the cross (Romans 5:8).

Encourage them to set aside time this week to reflect on God’s love for them and for others who do not yet know Him.

TEACHING NOTES:
