

Why do Christians continue to Sin? Christians continue to Sin because we still have a Sin Nature, but when Jesus returns, He will make us sinless like Him.

Week 5: September 14, 2025

Bible Story Point: God warned and showed His love to Israel through the prophet of Hosea.

**Key Passage:** It is the Lord your God you must follow, and Him you must revere. Keep His commands and obey Him; serve Him and hold fast to Him. (Deuteronomy 13:4)

Sunday Night: (Preschool & Children)
Hosea, Prophet to Israel (Hosea)

Although God had been faithful to the people of Israel, they were not faithful to God. The Israelites continued to disobey God, following worthless idols and acting wickedly. Israel even turned to other nations during times of trouble, trusting in the power of man over God. God warned Israel of their unfaithfulness and showed His faithful love through the prophet Hosea.

Though Israel was far from Him, God wanted to show a picture of His great love and relentless pursuit of His people through Hosea's life. God instructed Hosea to marry an woman named Gomer, explaining that she would not be faithful to him. Yet, God told Hosea to remain committed to her.

Hosea obeyed God and married Gomer. As God said, she was unfaithful to Hosea and left their family. In the same way, the Israelites were unfaithful to God, worshiping idols, acting corruptly, and loving violence. However, God's love did not relent, and He promised a day when He would forgive and restore them (Hosea 14:4-9).

To show the Israelites the depth of His love, God told Hosea to show love to Gomer, even though she had chosen a life of unfaithfulness (Hosea 3:1). Again, Hosea obeyed God. He paid the debts Gomer owed and brought her back home to their family.

On the cross, Jesus paid our debt of sin, restoring our relationship with God so we might be with Him forever. When we repent and turn to Jesus, He brings us into His family. Even when believers act unfaithfully, Jesus continues to be faithful and show unending love.

Encourage your children to ask Jesus for forgiveness and praise Him for His unfailing love. God promised to be faithful to Israel, and He continues to be faithful to us. Point children to God's promises to Israel and the way these words of hope echo into Jesus' promises to followers of Christ to heal them, love them, and not be angry with them (Hosea 14:4).

- What part of the Bible is Hosea in? Old Testament Minor Prophets
- What was Hosea's message to the Israelites? God is showing mercy to your unfaithfulness for now.
- Who were the Israelites worshipping? Baal
- What did God ask the Israelites to do? To return to Him and worship only Him
- What was God's Promise if they returned to Him? To be faithful to Israel
- What are some promises God has fulfilled in your life?
- What is your favorite way to praise God for His continued promises?

**Practice:** Say (Memorize) Key passage

**Pray:** Thank God for his continued work in you life. Ask God to show you how to praise Him daily.

## Wednesday, September 17th - Awana Clubs 6—7:30PM

Cubbies: Bear Hug 2- "C" is for Christ—Romans 5:8, "...While we were still sinners, Christ died for us"

### **Sparks:**

Hang Gliders—P is for Power—Psalm 147:5, Great is the Lord, and abundant in power...

### Wing Runner & Sky Stormer

A is for Accordance—1 Corinthians 15:3, ...Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures.

R is for Raised—1 Corinthians 15:4, That He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.

#### T & T: 1:2 God is All -Powerful

Jeremiah 10:12, It is He who made the earth by His power, who established the world by His wisdom, and by His understanding stretched out the heavens.

### **Saturday Night:** (Preschool & Children)

Take a few minutes to debrief last Sunday's lesson.

Preview for Sunday, September 21

# **The Northern Kingdom was Destroyed** (2 Kings 17)

- Who is king over Israel who did evil in God's sight? Hoshea
- What country arose against Israel? Assyria
- Where did they take the Israelites of Samaria? To Assyria
- Why did God move them to Assyria? They were worshipping other gods or idols
- Who did the king of Assyria move to Samaria? His own people from Assyria

## **Upcoming Activities:**

Sept 16	Good News Club begins for 6 weeks	2:45—4:15PM
Sept 17	Wednesday Night Meals	5:00PM
	Wednesday Night Awana Clubs	6:00 - 7:30PM
Sept 20	Men's Breakfast	7:30 AM Gym
Sept 30	Men's Fish Fry @ Riverbend	Bus leaves at 4:30
Oct 5	Candy Donation Bins Out & Volunteer Sheets	
Oct 12	Parent / Baby Dedication	
Oct 31	Trunk N Treat	6:00—8:00PM

