

# FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

**SCRIPTURE** | Hosea 1:1-3; 3:1-5; 6:1-6; 14:1-4

## SESSION SUMMARY

In this week's session, we read about what may seem like an odd command from God: He told His prophet Hosea to marry "a woman of promiscuity" (1:2), or a woman who didn't follow God's design for love, relationships, and marriage. (Consider sharing more, depending on the age and maturity of your student.) Through Hosea's faithfulness and Gomer's unfaithfulness, this story shows how God pursues us even when we're unfaithful. Here are the main themes:

- God's love is constant (Hos. 1:1-3; 3:1-5).
- God's love is sure (Hos. 6:1-6; 14:1-4).

## CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- What does it look like for us to be unfaithful to God, as Gomer was to Hosea?
- Who can you count on to show up, no matter what? What makes a person someone you can count on? What breaks your trust faster than anything?
- Why is forgiveness so important even for people we don't try to rebuild a relationship with?

## FAMILY CHALLENGE

Create a maze with two exits, either in your house or outside. Place random, small household objects or trinkets on the ground every few feet (or hide them around the course to make things more interesting). Select two people to be the Reapers; the rest are Gatherers. Place a basket by each of the exits. The Gatherers collect as many objects as they can and try to make it to the exits to place them in the baskets without getting tagged by a Reaper. They start with five lives and lose one—along with all their objects—each time they're tagged by a Reaper. Reapers must move slowly at a consistent speed. Reapers win if the Gatherers lose all their lives first; Gatherers win if they collect all the objects first. Just like the Reapers in this game, God always pursues us. But instead of taking lives from us, He gives us life, even when we're unable to follow the path He's given us.