FOLLOWERS - LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Title and Number	
9	1	1	FAITH	SPEAKING FOR GOD	33: Prophecy in Hosea	

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes (Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Title - lowercase in the cell)

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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this: ✓] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

Prayer and Starter: The Lord's Prayer. (2 minutes)

Learning objectives: To know how God spoke through His prophets for the coming of His Son Jesus Christ.

Icebreaker: Chinese Whispers (4 minutes)

Core Activities and Learning

Hosea was one of the prophets of God. Does anyone know what is a prophet? Its someone that gives messages from God.

God wanted Israel to know how he felt about their wicked behaviour and worship of idols. So he told Hosea to marry an unfaithful woman. She bore him children, whose names meant, Jezreel (God plants), Loruhamah (no more mercy), Loammi (not my people). But Hosea's wife was not faithful, and she left Hosea, which caused him much pain. God compared this pain to the sorrow he felt when Israel left Him and worshipped idols. He loved Israel, and loves us. He wants to be with us, and for us to learn about Him. When we turn away from Him, and don't talk to Him or include Him in our lives, he is sorrowful. He will not tolerate being betrayed, and when we leave Him, He will not claim us as family any more. That's why he had Hosea name his children "No more mercy" and "Not my people".

Leaving God out of our lives is also dangerous. He is the light, and when we walk in the dark we stumble. The only safe and rewarding place to be is near God, because not only does He know what's best for us, He will provide it, if we are near Him. God said Israel's destruction came from a lack of knowledge about God.

Role Play: Divide the children into groups of 3. Ask them to imagine that 2 of them are friends but one has let the other one down badly. The third child helps the 2 others to find a way to get their friendship back. Share the ideas.

(20 minutes)

Resources / Review / Follow Up

Resources: Hosea 1: 1-11

Review: What we have learned about our relationship with God? (4 minutes)

Follow up: Next week bring some ideas about how we can help people to know God.