



# Promise: God Will Not Forsake His People

## MAIN IDEA

- **God will not forsake His people whom He loves with an everlasting love.**

## MEMORY VERSE

*For the LORD will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage;—Psalm 94:14*

## SCRIPTURE

- 1) Isaiah 49:14-16
- 2) Isaiah 54:10
- 3) Psalm 94:14
- 4) Hosea



## LESSON SUMMARY

How quickly we get tired of things and throw them away or get rid of them. This same attitude sometimes carries over into our relationships with people. When an acquaintance annoys or frustrates us, we often look for friendship in other places. We are quick to move on to other people who will be less bothersome, more encouraging, or more fun.

God is not like us. He loves His children with an everlasting love and promises to never forsake us—even though we do not deserve His faithful love. He is faithful in spite of our failings, never breaking His covenant of love. He has given us a beautiful picture of His covenant love in the life of Hosea, the prophet. Hosea forgave His unfaithful wife, Gomer, reclaiming her from slavery, not to be his slave but to reinstate her as his wife.

How can anyone read the story of Hosea without marveling at the faithful love of this loyal husband and true follower of God? Yet Hosea was just a mere reflection, a shadow, of the kind of husband God is to His people. We, the bride of Christ, are loved with an everlasting love, and God will never break covenant with us. How amazing is it to be loved with such unending love—to know that we will never be forsaken? Truly, we have a great heritage as the people of God.

*Thank God this week for His everlasting love. Confess your unfaithfulness to Him, and ask Him to make you a pure, spotless bride. Pray that your child will long to be a child of God, and a recipient of not only His precious promises, but of His everlasting, covenant love.*

## AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

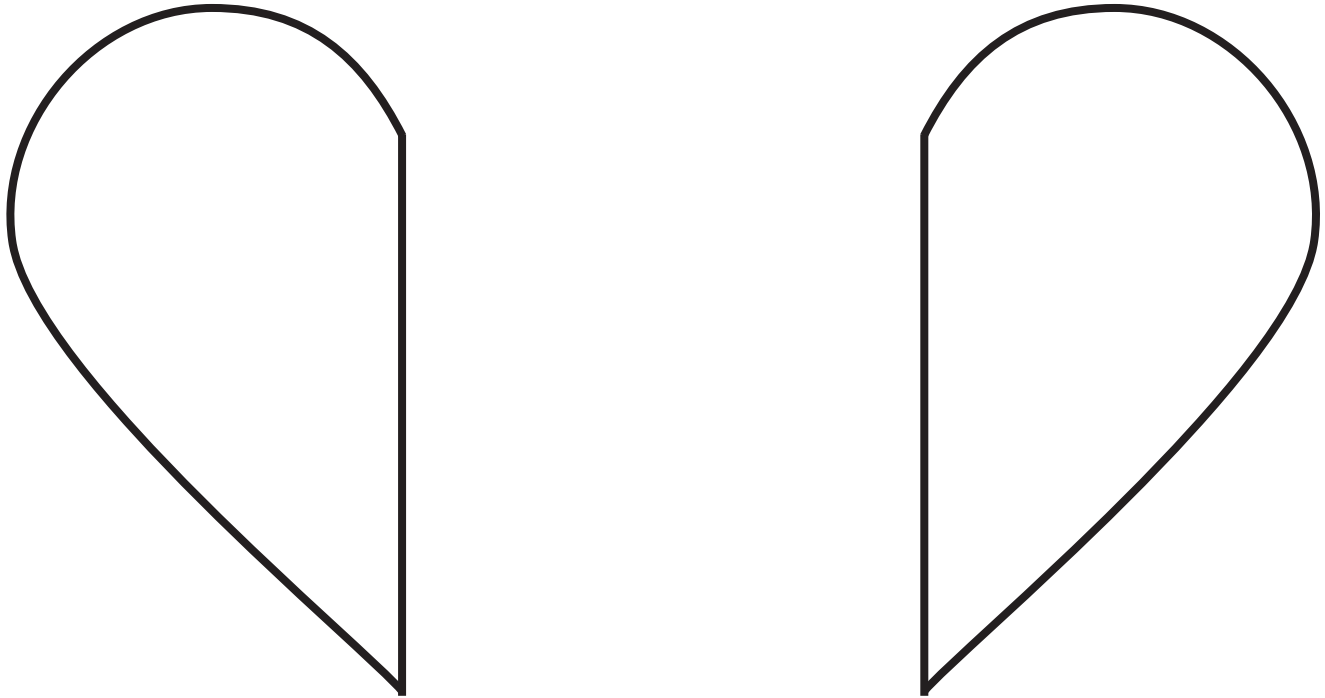
- *What does, “God will not forsake His people” mean? What does this show you about what God is like? [Help your child to think of all the qualities that make God faithful—patient, unselfish, loyal, forgiving, loving.] Give some examples of these qualities in God that you see in the Bible or in the world today. Why is it important to know that someone will always be faithful to you?*

- *Hosea was a good example of faithfulness. In what ways are you faithful? Why are people sometimes not faithful to other people? Why does God not have any of these problems?*

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**ACTIVITY**

The two heart halves below are not joined together. Label one: GOD. Label the other with your name. Every person is a sinner, and sinful people cannot be joined to God. How can sinners become part of the family of God?



With Mom or Dad, read Romans 3:23-24. What does this say about you? What does it say about God's answer to man's sin problem?

Draw a cross joining the two hearts together. Only through the blood of Jesus, through His payment for sin on the cross, can sinners be joined to God and be His people.

***Psalm 94:14—For the LORD will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage.***