WEEK 1
SMALL GROUP GUIDE

TIMELESS

BIG IDEA
God's love is timeless.

BIBLE
Hosea the Prophet
Hosea 11:1–11; Hebrews 10:19–25

ABOUT THIS WEEK
If we could time-travel, a lot of us would go back in time to send ourselves messages to avoid making mistakes. This week, we'll hear how a prophet named Hosea shared an important message about God's unfailing love—even when they turned away. Throughout his life, Hosea helped everyone see that **God's love is timeless.**

MEMORY VERSE
"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart." — Ecclesiastes 3:11a (NIV)

DISCUSSION

BIBLE QUESTIONS

- **Who was Hosea, and what was his job?** Hosea was a prophet who delivered messages from God to the people.
- **What did Hosea 11:1-4 say God's love is like?** God's love for Israel was like a loving parent or caretaker who teaches their child to walk, and hugs them against their cheek.
- **What was God's message to the people through Hosea?** God would continue to love them no matter what.
- **Read Hebrews 10:23. How does this verse show us that it's true that God's love is timeless?** We can hold onto this truth because God is faithful and keeps promises.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- **Why do you think God spoke through prophets? How might God speak to us today?**
- **What are the ways God's timeless love shows up in your life?**
- **What is one way you can share God's love with someone this week?**

ACTIVITY

WHAT TO DO

Provide materials like soda bottles, mason jars, or shoe boxes as well as paper, crayons, stickers, and other fun items to have kids build weekly time capsules, one capsule to add to each week, or one large capsule for the whole group. Kids will fill it with the Big Idea and reminders about God's love for future finders. Scan QR code to see a worked example.

WHAT TO SAY

"A time capsule captures a moment in time for someone in the future to find. We can't know what they'll be going through, what the world will be like, or what their life will be like. But we can be sure, because of what we learned today, that God's love will be the same for them. Because God's love is timeless!"

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