



## Lesson #2-10

## GOD'S BELOVED CHILDREN

Hosea 11:1-9

**Key Verse:**

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.  
Hosea 11:1

**The Point:**

God loves us like a parent.

**Unit Theme (November 12—November 26)**

Our Sin, God's Faithfulness

## LOVE MEANS... POETRY

*Create an acrostic poster.*

*Supplies:*

- † Paper
- † Pens, pencils, markers, or crayons

*Instructions:*

1. **God's love for Israel meant that God was willing to allow them to make their own poor choices. God did not abandon them but let them experience the consequences of their actions. So loving someone includes letting them make their own choices. How else can love be defined?** Allow for brief discussion.
2. **As a small group, write an acrostic poem based on the letters of the word LOVE.**

**For each letter, write a sentence that describes what love is. For example:**

**LOVE** means...

**L**etting others make their own choices.

**O**pening your heart to someone else.

**V**isiting someone who is lonely.

**E**mpptying yourself to take on God's holiness.

3. You may want to find a place to display these poems.