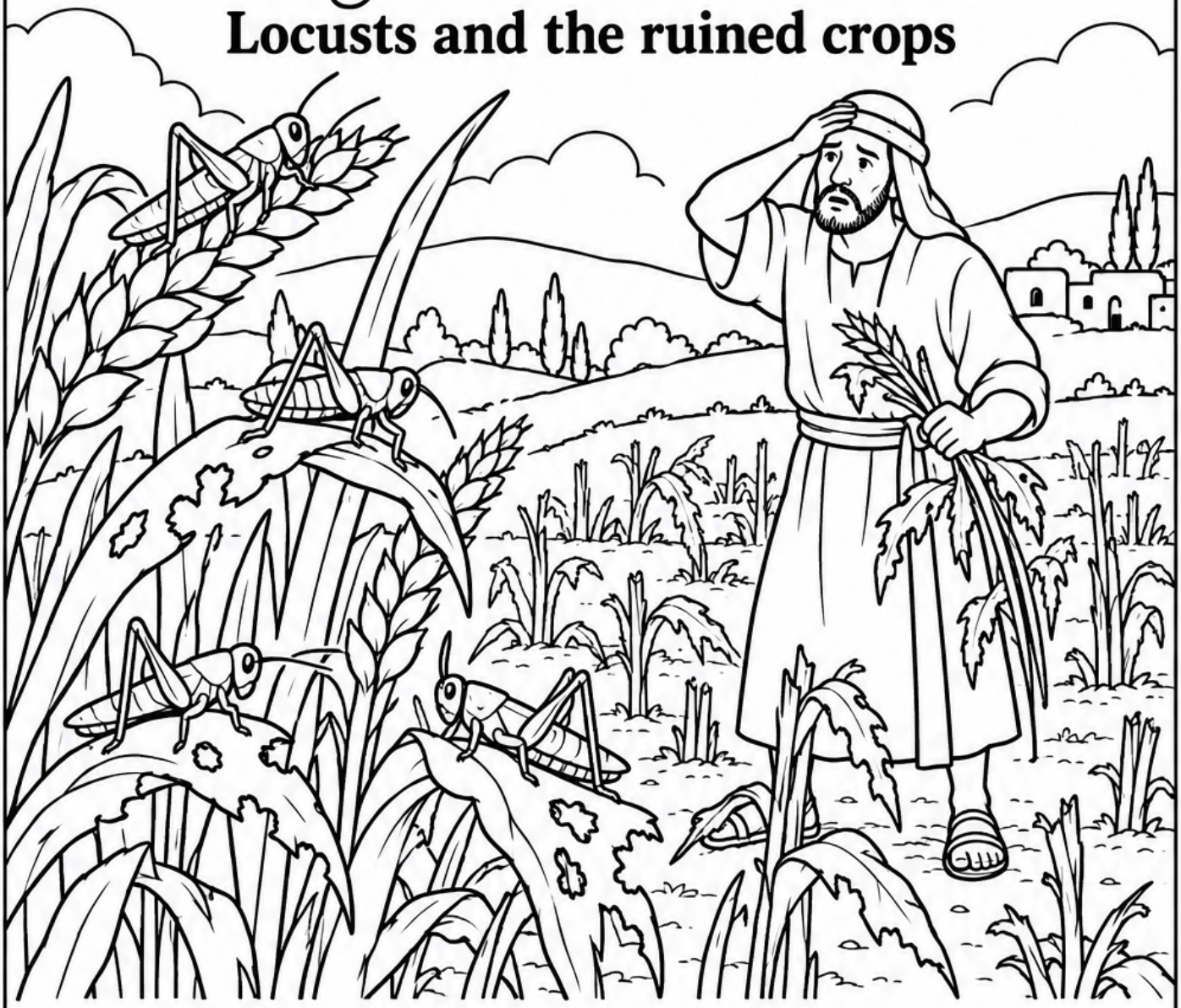
WAYMARK 63

Unfailing Love & Day of the Lord

Locusts and the ruined crops



Joel describes devouring insects consuming the crops.

Joel 1:4

THINK ABOUT THE STORY

What ruined the crops in Joel 1?

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Hosea & Joel
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. Hosea 1-14
2. Joel 1-3

MAIN POINTS

- God warned Israel through Hosea's family names, then promised mercy again (Hosea 1:4-10; 2:23)
- God wanted truth, mercy, and people who truly knew Him (Hosea 4:1)
- Hosea told Israel to return to the LORD with honest words (Hosea 14:1-2)
- Joel told children and adults to gather and turn to God with their whole hearts (Joel 2:12-17)
- God promised food for the land and His Spirit for people of every age (Joel 2:18-29)

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Who was Hosea's wife in chapter 1?
Hosea 1:4-10

2. What did Joel tell people to rend?
Hosea 3:1-3

3. Hosea and Joel told people to turn back to God (Hosea 14:1; Joel 2:12). Is there something you need to tell God honestly today?
Hosea 14:1

MEMORY VERSE / Joel 2:13

Joel teaches that the LORD is gracious, merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness as he calls the people to return (Joel 2:12-13).

WEB

Tear your heart and not your garments, and turn to Yahweh, your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness, and relents from sending calamity.

KJV

And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

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Hosea & Joel
Name _____ Date _____

Notes

Waymark 63 / Younger children

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

WHAT I NOTICED

DRAW SOMETHING YOU WANT TO REMEMBER

ONE THING I WANT TO TRY

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1. Hosea 1-14
2. Joel 1-3

MAIN POINTS

- Hosea's symbolic family names move from judgment toward promised mercy and restored identity (Hosea 1:4-10; 2:23)
- Israel's crisis included lies, violence, idols, and trust in foreign powers instead of the LORD (Hosea 4:1-2; 5:13; 7:10-11)
- Hosea's final call joins confession with rejecting false saviors and handmade gods (Hosea 14:1-4)
- Joel requires wholehearted return and gathers the entire community rather than accepting an empty display (Joel 2:12-17)
- Joel's hope includes restored provision, the Spirit upon all flesh, and deliverance for those who call on the LORD (Joel 2:18-32)

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What does Hosea 3 actually identify about the woman?
Hosea 1:4-10

2. Which foreign powers did Ephraim wrongly seek?
Hosea 3:1-3

3. Hosea called for honest words, and Joel called for the whole heart (Hosea 14:1-2; Joel 2:12-13). What would honest return to God look like for you this week?
Hosea 14:1-2

MEMORY VERSE / Hosea 14:4

After Israel is called to return with words and reject false saviors, the LORD promises healing and freely given love (Hosea 14:1-4).

WEB

"I will heal their waywardness. I will love them freely; for my anger is turned away from them.

KJV

I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

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Hosea & Joel
Name _____ Date _____

Notes

Waymark 63 / Preteen

Main verse _____ Bonus verse(s) _____

Passage or verse _____

NOTES

ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER

Unfailing Love & Day of the Lord

Hosea & Joel
Name _____ Date _____

Read & think

READ IN ORDER

1. Hosea 1-14
2. Joel 1-3

MAIN POINTS

- The judgment names in Hosea are answered by promises of mercy and renewed belonging (Hosea 1:4-10; 2:23)
- Hosea connects covenant unfaithfulness with corrupt worship, social wrongdoing, and political dependence (Hosea 4:1-2; 5:13; 8:4-6)
- Biblical return involves truthful confession and abandoning alternatives to the LORD (Hosea 14:1-4)
- Joel's command to rend the heart demands inner return expressed by a gathered community (Joel 2:12-17)
- The day of the LORD brings both judgment and refuge, with the LORD as His people's hope and strength (Joel 2:1-32; 3:12-21)

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. Hosea's children received names of judgment, but later promises reverse those names with mercy and belonging. What does that movement show about the book's message (Hosea 1:4-10; 2:23)?
Hosea 1:4-10

2. Hosea lists lies, violence, idols, and false alliances together. Why does covenant faithfulness affect both worship and daily conduct (Hosea 4:1-2; 5:13; 8:4-6)?
Hosea 4:1-2

3. Hosea names false saviors and handmade gods, while Joel demands wholehearted return (Hosea 14:1-4; Joel 2:12-13). Where is your outward spiritual life not matching your inward loyalty?
Hosea 14:1-4

MEMORY VERSE / Joel 2:13

Joel calls the people to turn with all their heart and to rend their hearts rather than their garments (Joel 2:12-13).

WEB

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KJV

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Hosea & Joel
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Waymark 63 / Teen

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Passage or verse _____

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1. Hosea 1-14
2. Joel 1-3

MAIN POINTS

- Hosea's judgment names are deliberately reversed by promises of mercy, belonging, and reunion (Hosea 1:4-11; 2:23)
- The covenant case combines religious, ethical, and political failure rather than treating idolatry as an isolated offense (Hosea 4:1-2; 5:13; 8:4-6)
- Hosea 14 presents return as confession, renunciation of false security, and dependence on the LORD's mercy
- Joel's summons joins inward repentance with a public assembly embracing every age and station (Joel 2:12-17)
- Joel holds together cosmic judgment, restored creation, the Spirit upon all flesh, deliverance, and the LORD's dwelling in Zion (Joel 2:18-32; 3:12-21)

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Hosea 4:1-2

3. Hosea joins confession with renouncing false security, and Joel joins inward repentance with communal response (Hosea 14:1-4; Joel 2:12-17). What alternative source of security must you name and release?
Hosea 14:1-4

MEMORY VERSE / Hosea 6:6

The LORD contrasts mercy and knowing God with sacrifices and burnt offerings after describing Israel's goodness as short-lived (Hosea 6:4-6).

WEB

For I desire mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

KJV

For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

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ONE THING TO PUT INTO PRACTICE

PRAYER