

for the **Growing** Christian:

A Symbolic Family Hosea 1-3

for the **Mature** Christian:

Read Hosea 3:1-3. Hosea did not abandon Gomer when she sold herself into prostitution. Instead, as a loving and faithful husband, he pursued her, purchased her back, and asked for her recommitment. His ransom and faithfulness was then used by God as a sign to Israel of God's faithfulness to those that would return and recommit to Him.

Each Sunday morning, we assemble to remember the ransom paid to redeem us from slavery to sin. Jesus did not pay with barley and silver, but with His body and blood. Read Matthew 26:26-28. Part of sharing in communion is a chance to recommit ourselves as Christ's Bride to an exclusive relationship with Him. It means prayerfully considering the cost of our redemption and how to respond to that grace with changed lives in the week ahead.

Weekly Affirmation:

**I Am Part of
the Glorious
Bride of
Christ!**

Read Hosea 2:14-23. Hosea prophesied a future where God would change the hearts of the Israelites, removing compromise with the surrounding culture. This was exemplified in the change from the Canaanite word, *Baali*, for husband, to the Hebrew word, *Ishi*.

After the return from exile, 200 years later, a new generation of repentant Israelites showed the change in their language. Old names were changed, e.g. *Eshbaal* (1 Ch. 8:33) to *Ish-bosheth* (2 Sam. 2:8).

Under the new covenant, God transforms our hearts in sanctification by Holy Spirit. James exhorts Christians to show it by not compromising with worldly wisdom and teachings (1:6-8; 4:8). Prayerfully consider, "What is stealing our full devotion to God? In what ways might I be compromising with the world and it's wisdom?"

for **Children:**

Go for a walk with your family and/or friends and play Fall Bingo (*more sheets available on the website*). In the fall we see animals leave, and some plants go to sleep or die. But we know that God designed nature to reveal His faithfulness. The animals and plants will return.

Stop to read Hosea 6:1-3. Whenever we notice our spiritual life starting to die back, all we need to do is return to God. He is always faithful and will revive us!

October 2024 Growth Goals

- ♡ Read the Books of Hosea & Joel.
- ♡ Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- ♡ Watch the Bible Project videos on the Books of Hosea & Joel (available on the website).
- ♡ Try a fast of any duration (8-24 hours). Replace your meal time with prayer and Bible reading (*see Daniel with any questions*).

Weekly

Memory Verse:

"So let's learn, let's press on to know the Lord.
His appearance is as sure as the dawn."

Hosea 6:3



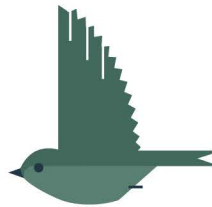
Mass Audubon FALL BINGO



pink or red flower



acorn



flying bird



evergreen trees



bird feather



flock of birds



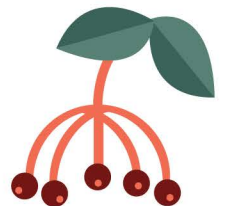
signs of a
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purple flower



perching bird



berries



bird call



rock wall

**Free
Space**



pine cone



soaring bird



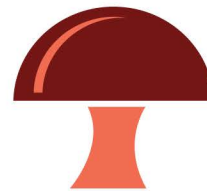
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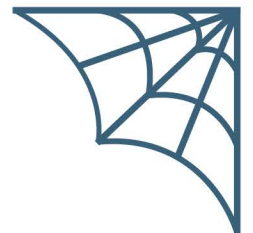
squirrel



leaf with holes



mushroom



spider web



trail marker



flying insect



multi-colored rock



multi-colored leaf



mud

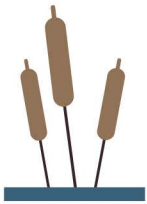


Mass Audubon FALL BINGO

 <p>plant growing in water</p>	 <p>acorn</p>	 <p>flying bird</p>	 <p>evergreen trees</p>	 <p>soaring bird</p>
 <p>flock of birds</p>	 <p>red leaf</p>	 <p>purple flower</p>	 <p>perching bird</p>	 <p>mammal</p>
 <p>bird call</p>	 <p>rock wall</p>	Free Space	 <p>y-shaped twig</p>	 <p>flying insect</p>
 <p>big rock</p>	 <p>squirrel</p>	 <p>leaf with holes</p>	 <p>mushroom</p>	 <p>trail marker</p>
 <p>berries</p>	 <p>fish</p>	 <p>pine cone</p>	 <p>multi-colored leaf</p>	 <p>mud</p>



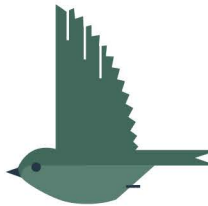
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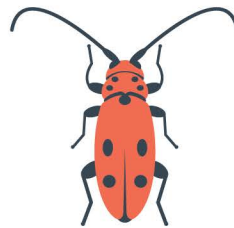
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acorn



flying bird



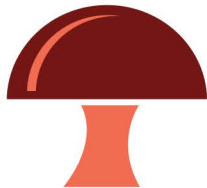
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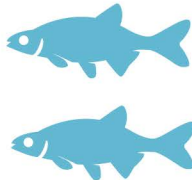
leaf with holes



flock of birds



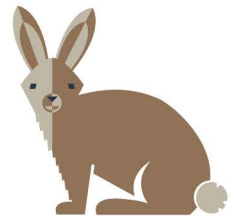
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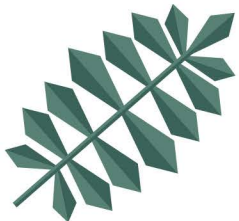
fish



sound of wind



mammal



ferns



rock wall

**Free
Space**



y-shaped twig



flying insect



evergreen trees



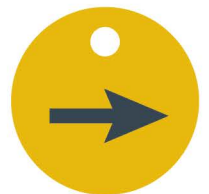
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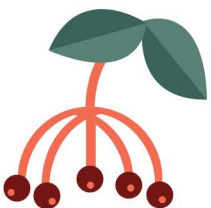
soaring bird



bird nest



trail marker



berries



big rock



pine cone



multi-colored leaf



bird call



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 <p>rock shaped like a circle</p>	 <p>mushroom</p>	 <p>flock of birds</p>	 <p>squirrel</p>	 <p>acorn</p>
 <p>ferns</p>	 <p>tree with multi-colored leaves</p>	Free Space	 <p>y-shaped twig</p>	 <p>flying insect</p>
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