



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 7, Lesson 33

Hagar and Ishmael

**Lesson Aim: To see God watches over us
and ensures His plans for us.**

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite drink?

GAME: Water From the Well

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 121:1-8.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD WATCHED OVER HAGAR AND ISHMAEL

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God gave Abram the land and blessed it.

Today, we will read how God watched over Hagar and her son, Ishmael, and gave them a special promise. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Genesis 16:7-16; 21:9-20. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Genesis 16:13. Pray.

Sarai and Abram did not want to wait any longer for a son, so Sarai told Abram to marry her servant Hagar. When Hagar became pregnant, she and Sarai didn't get along. Hagar ran away. Point to Shur and to the desert of Beersheeba. Read Genesis 16:7-16.

After Ishmael was born, God changed Abram and Sarai's names to Abraham and Sarah. When they had their son Isaac, Sarah sent Hagar and Ishmael into the desert. Read Genesis 21:9-20.

THE WAY GOD WATCHES OVER YOU

Did God keep His promise and give Sarai and Abram a baby? (Yes.) Sarai became pregnant with Isaac about 14 years after Hagar and Abram had Ishmael. How might Sarai's life have been better if she had trusted God's plan? (She would have been the mother of Abraham's first son. She would not have had problems with Hagar or Abraham.)

What did Hagar call God? (The God who sees me.) **Why do you think she called Him that? What did the angel tell Hagar to do?** (Go back to Sarai.) **What did the angel tell her about God's plan?** (Her son would be a strong man. She would have many descendants.)

Have you ever wanted to run away from your problems? How might it help if an angel said God sees your misery and has a good plan for your life?

What did Ishmael do to Isaac, causing Sarah to send Hagar and Ishmael away? (Mocked Isaac.) **God comforted Abraham with the promise of His plan for Ishmael. What was it?** (He would be a nation.)

Why did Hagar cry? (She thought her son would die of thirst.) **How might Hagar have reacted differently if she had trusted God's plan for Ishmael as told by the angel years earlier?** (She would have trusted Ishmael would live to have a family that would become a nation.)

Read Jeremiah 29:11-13. Think of it as God's plan for your life. What are the promises God makes? How can they encourage you when you are going through a long wait or a hard time?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 2000 years after the angel told Hagar God saw her misery, Jesus reminded us that God sees our every need. Check out what Jesus tells us to do instead of worrying about what we need. Reveal Matthew 6:26, 31-33. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

God promises to watch over us. He always sees our needs. What are some of the things you worry about? How might Jesus' words help?

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Bird feather
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #33
- OFFERING OF ART: Hagar and Ishmael at the well in the desert
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Well Water

GAME: My Eyes See

CRAFT: Well of Water

DISCUSSION: Name Change

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Scrambled Promise, Understanding the Promise

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW