



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5  
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua  
Unit 7, Lesson 33

## Hagar and Ishmael

Lesson Aim: To know God watches over us.

### THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

**WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE:** "The Lord watches over you."

### THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God who keeps His promises. He kept one of His promises to Abram by giving him the new land. Then, God changed Abram's name to Abraham when He promised to make him the father of many nations.

God kept another promise to watch over Abraham's son Ishmael and Ishmael's mother Hagar. That reminds me of today's Whisper Verse. Let's say it together and imagine the Lord saying it to Hagar and Ishmael in the desert. Review the Whisper Verse: "The Lord watches over you." Include sign language.

Let's sing that special promise as we give our offering today. Sing: "I Am with You" while the offering is collected.

**OFFERING:** Collect the offering.

**WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION:** *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

The Lord is faithful to keep all His promises. Sing: "He Is Mighty to Save" and "The Lord Is Faithful." The Bible says we are connected to Abraham and his family. Sing: "Father Abraham."

### THE WORD THE LORD WATCHED OVER HAGAR AND ISHMAEL CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned Abraham chose not to argue with his nephew, Lot. Today, we will see how God kept His promise to watch over Ishmael and his mother Hagar. Let's open our Bible to the first book of the Bible, Genesis. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Genesis 21:17.

### WATCH THE WORD: GENESIS 21:12-20

Read poem. Display visual.

- Ishmael and Hagar were sent to the desert sand.
- This worried and upset Ishmael's father, Abraham.
- God promised to watch over Ishmael and his mother.
- Abraham made sure they set out with food and water.
  
- They wandered in the desert 'til the water was gone.
- Hagar found a shady bush for her crying son.
- Then she sat down and she started to cry.
- God sent an angel calling Hagar from the sky:
  
- "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid.
- God heard Ishmael crying in the shade.
- Lift your son up. Take him by the hand.
- I'll make him into a great nation in another land."
  
- God opened Hagar's eyes to see a well of water.
- So she ran to the well and filled up her bottle.
- God was with Ishmael, watching him grow
- And Ishmael learned to shoot with a bow and arrow.

When God saw Ishmael under the shade of the bush, what did He hear? (Ishmael crying.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Genesis 21:17 from the teacher's Bible.

Did the Lord keep His promise to watch over Hagar and Ishmael? Who else does the Lord promise to watch over? The answer is in our Whisper Verse! Let's say it together, "The Lord watches over you." Include sign language or hand motions.

### THE WAY THE LORD WATCHES OVER YOU

**CRAFT:** Hagar's Well

**GAMES:** God Watches Over You, Guess Who's Crying

**SNACK:** Water to Drink

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

**FINAL FIVE MINUTES**

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

### GOT TIME?

**SAY & DO:** Genesis 21:12-20

**GAME:** I Spy with My Little Eye

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:** Stand Up and Say It!

**STORY TIME**